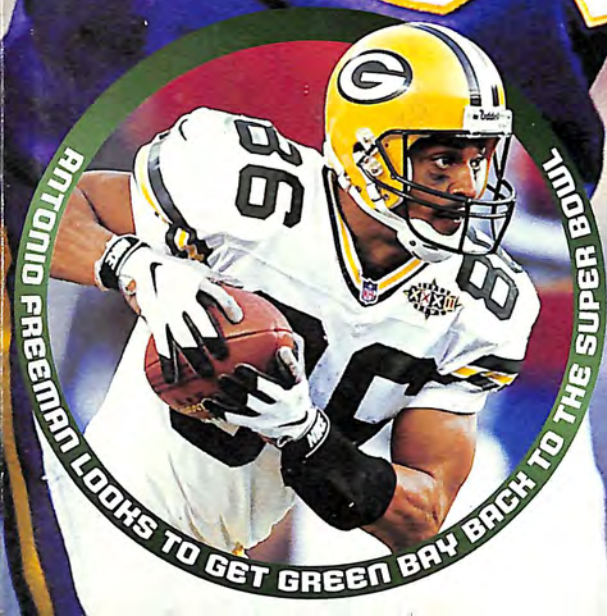
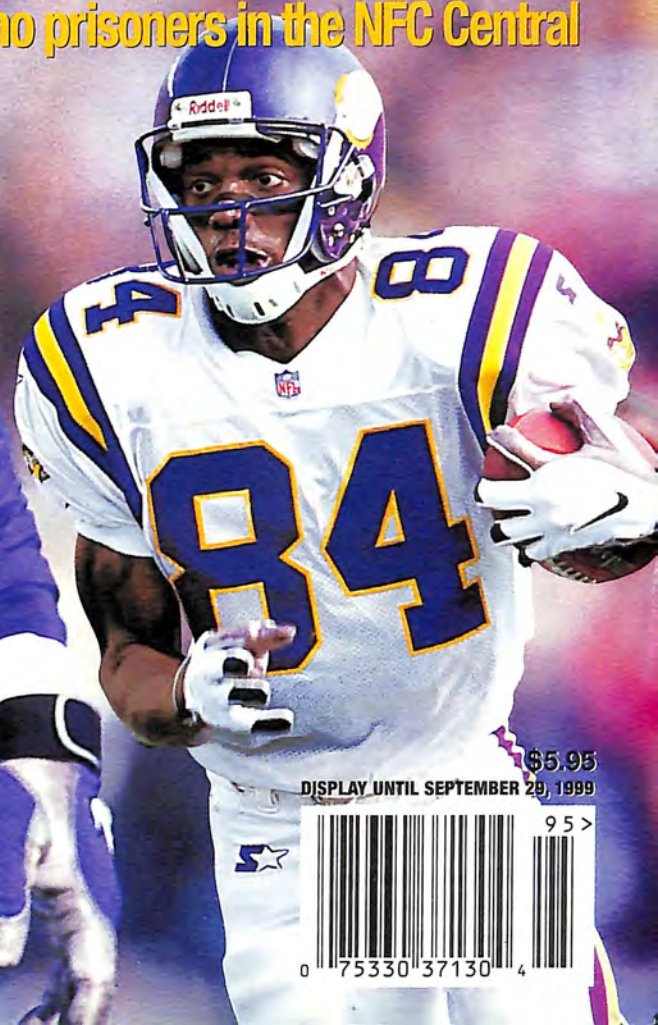
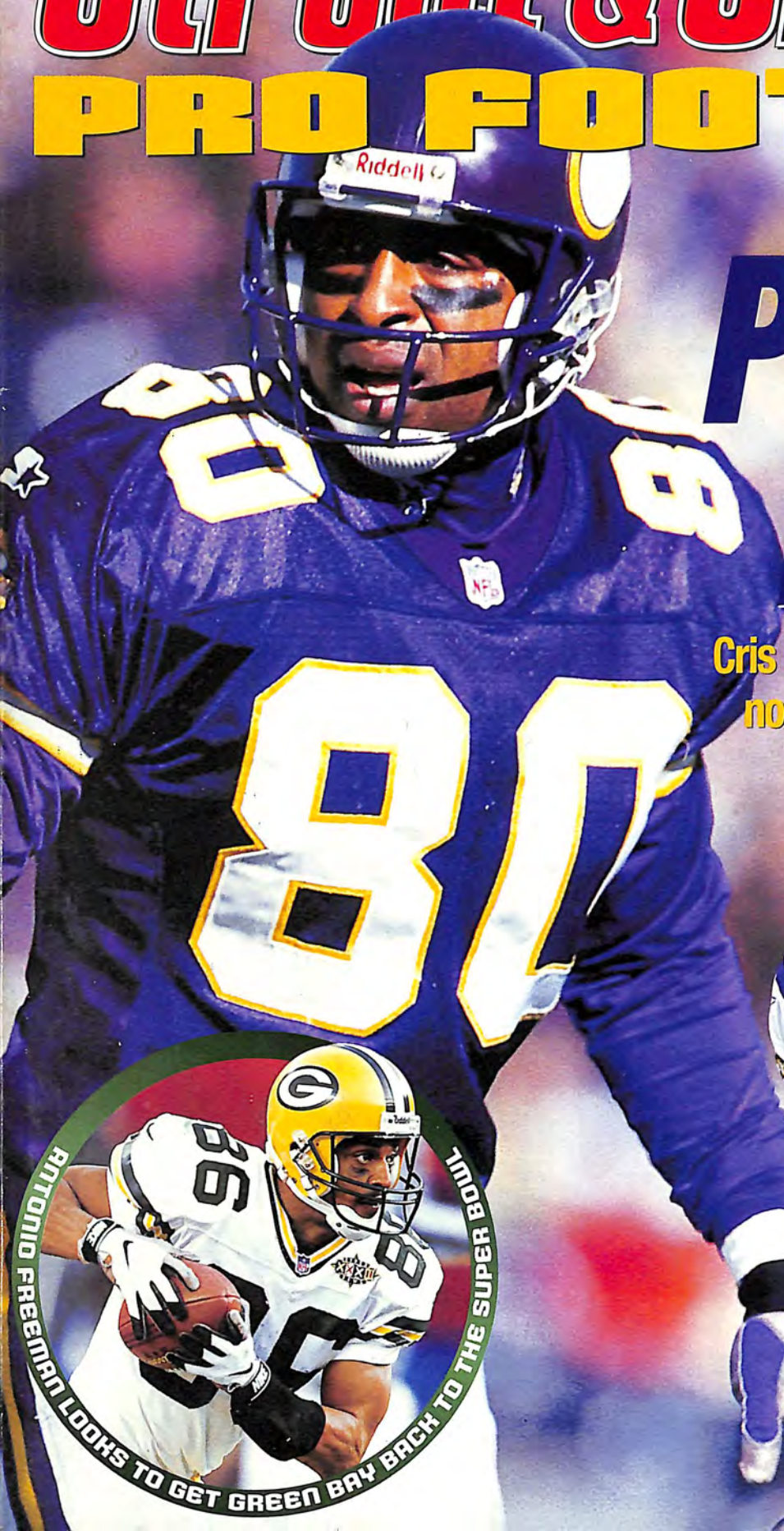


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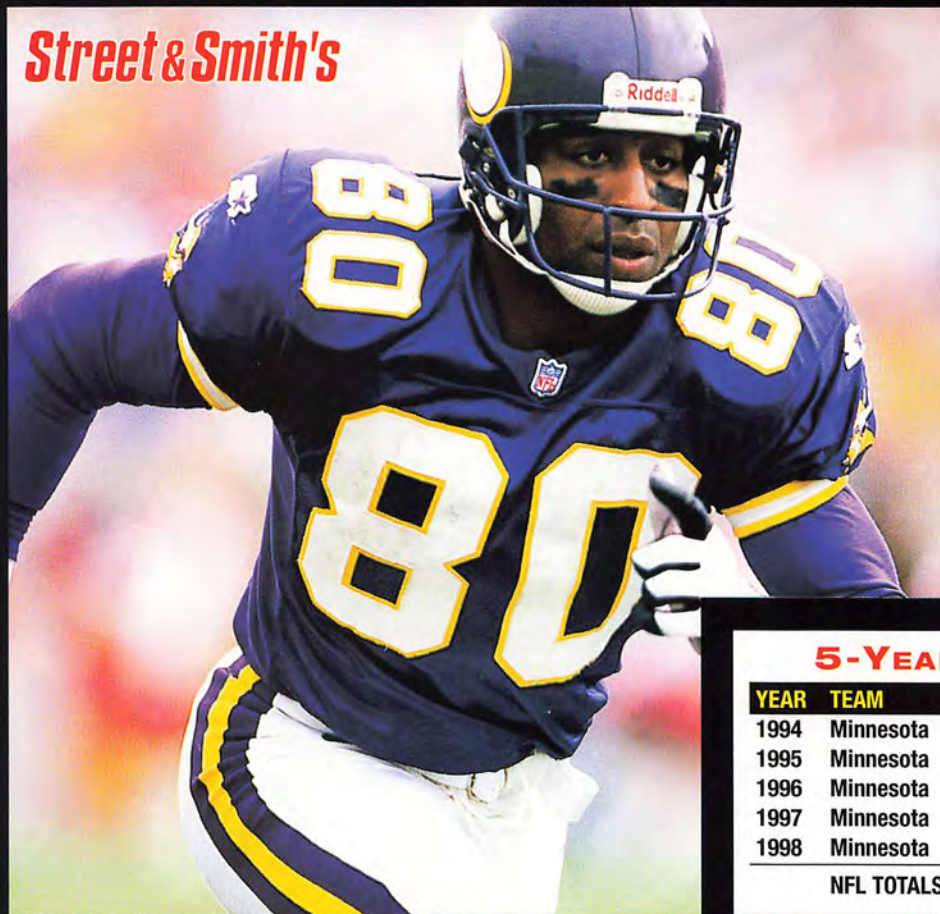
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Minnesota: WR

Height: 6-3

Weight: 208

Born: 11/25/65

College: Ohio State

5-YEAR RECEIVING TOTALS

YEAR	TEAM	G	GS	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
1994	Minnesota	16	16	122	1,256	10.3	65	7
1995	Minnesota	16	16	122	1,371	11.2	60	17
1996	Minnesota	16	16	96	1,163	12.1	43	10
1997	Minnesota	16	16	89	1,069	12.0	43	13
1998	Minnesota	16	16	78	1,011	13.0	54	12
NFL TOTALS		181	160	834	10,447	12.5	80	101

RANDY MOSS

PERSONAL PROFILE

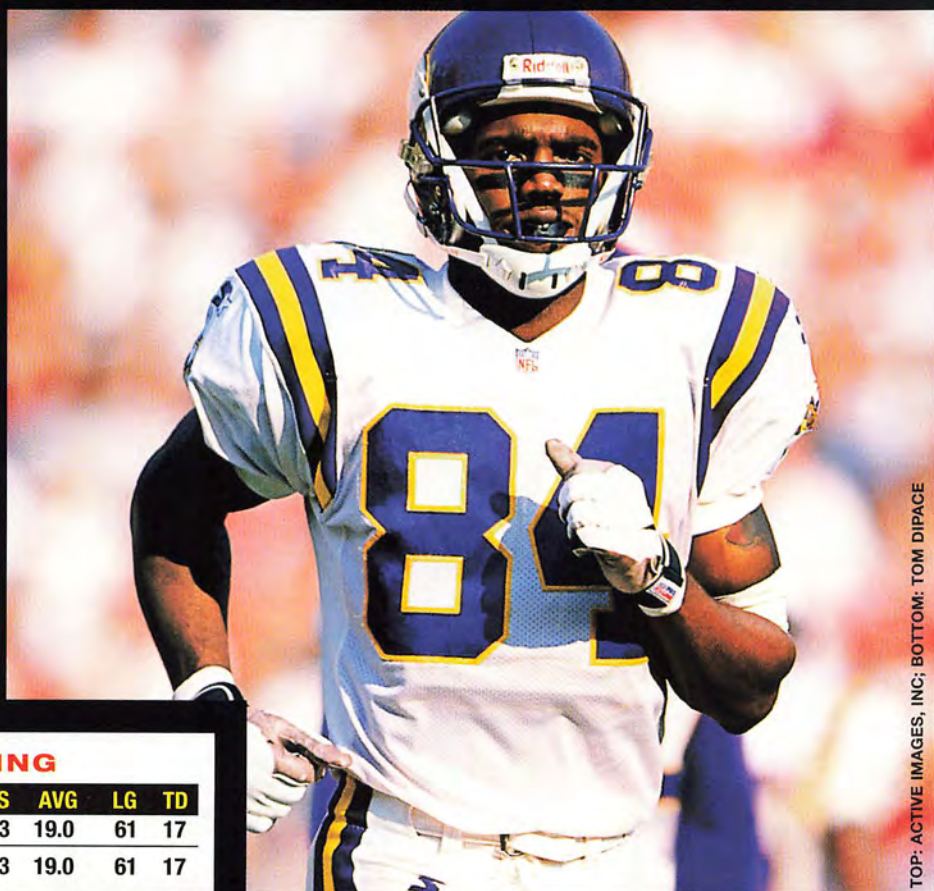
Minnesota: WR

Height: 6-5

Weight: 210

Born: 2/13/77

College: Marshall



CAREER RECEIVING

YEAR	TEAM	G	GS	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
1998	Minnesota	16	11	69	1,313	19.0	61	17
NFL TOTALS		16	11	69	1,313	19.0	61	17

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Change is good—especially when you're talking about the NFL and instant replay.

Dear *Street & Smith's Pro Football* readers:

"To err is human, to forgive divine."

Yeah, right. And if you believe that, someone surely has a bridge you can buy at a bargain-basement rate.

"Kill the umpire!" has been a baseball-fan anthem for more than a century, but nowhere is a variation on that theme more applicable than in the NFL. Tens of thousands of pro football fans last season roared in tsunami-like waves about a couple of truly critical muffs by NFL officials late in the season.

The NFL's owners, whose hidebound traditions are somewhat thinner than those of their Major League Baseball counterparts, sought appropriate refuge—if only on an experimental basis.

The instant replay, mothballed since 1991, is back this year. Purists, of course, hate that for, well, purist reasons. After all, the players are humans who routinely make mistakes. Shouldn't the same courtesy be extended to the humans who officiate games?

Yes. And no.

The one-year experiment with the instant replay makes a great deal of sense, in my humble judgment. Reason: Unlike other major league sports, whose seasons seem to go on endlessly, the NFL season is about as compressed and intense as the others are leisurely and competitive.

This is in no way a criticism of Major League Baseball (my personal passion), the National Basketball Association (even in this strike-shortened season) or the National Hockey League. It's a simple statement of fact.

You have only to look at the number of games played in each, and their relative importance—to the players, the fans and the owners (the gamblers be damned, despite the billions they annually "invest!").

Larry Weisman of *USA Today* does a very fine analysis of the instant-replay experiment, beginning on page 32. And he reports some facts that you may find startling (i.e., the officiating perhaps ain't as bad as you may think).

Stay tuned. We'll revisit this subject in NFL season 2000.

As we mark the new season, we also look at the NFL's old guard ("Old Hands," as we call them)—the graying but yet highly productive quarterback corps. Yes, John Elway just retired. But not Dan Marino, or Randall Cunningham, or Doug Flutie. . .

Larry Felser of the *Buffalo News* looks at these "thirtysomethings" who still have a lot of juice on page 20.

Then, on page 38, we want to get your blood pressure up with *Street & Smith's All-Time NFL Team*. The poll—conducted by our own Jerry Kavanagh—will provide you with enough fodder for those cool days of fall until the frigid days of winter. And beyond.

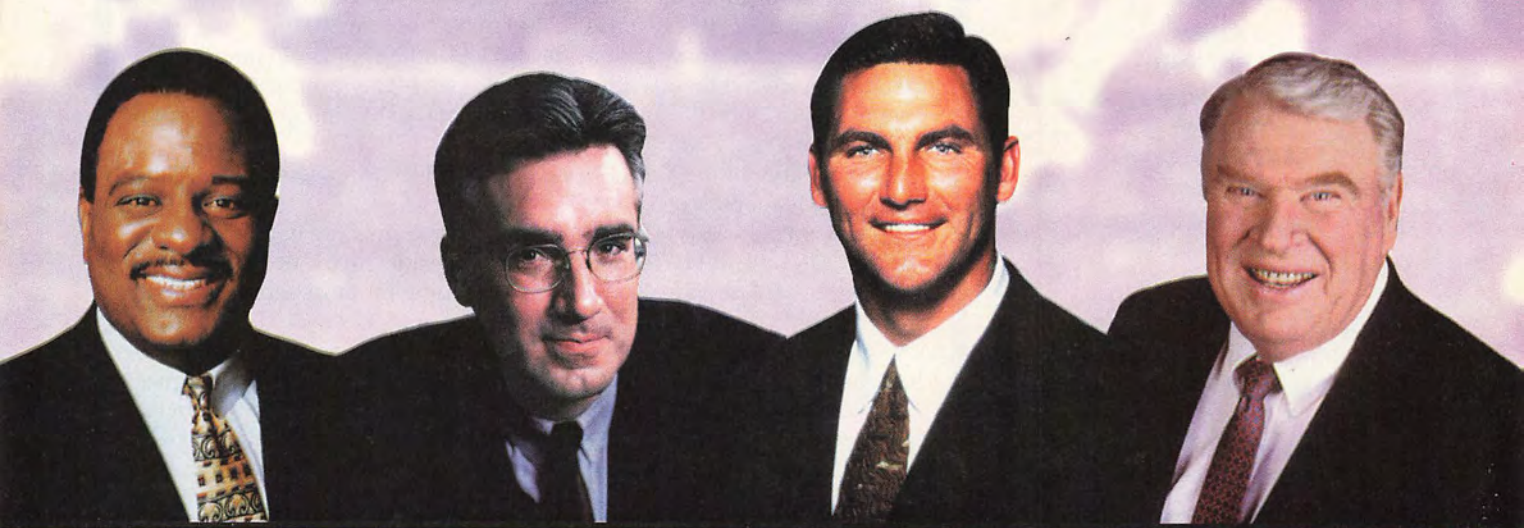
(How voters could not have selected the likes of Red Grange, Otto Graham, Lou Groza and my old Louisville friend Paul Hornung is beyond me.)

There's much more in this year's edition, of course. Previews, predictions, analysis, you name it. (By the way, we pick the Cincinnati Bengals to win the Super Bowl. N-O-T!) It's all in this neat, bountiful package. Plus, take a look at page 156. It's our "Road to the Super Bowl" contest, in which you can win tickets to the game, plus lots of other neat prizes. As always, no purchase is necessary. Have fun with it.

Indeed, have fun with the 1999 season!

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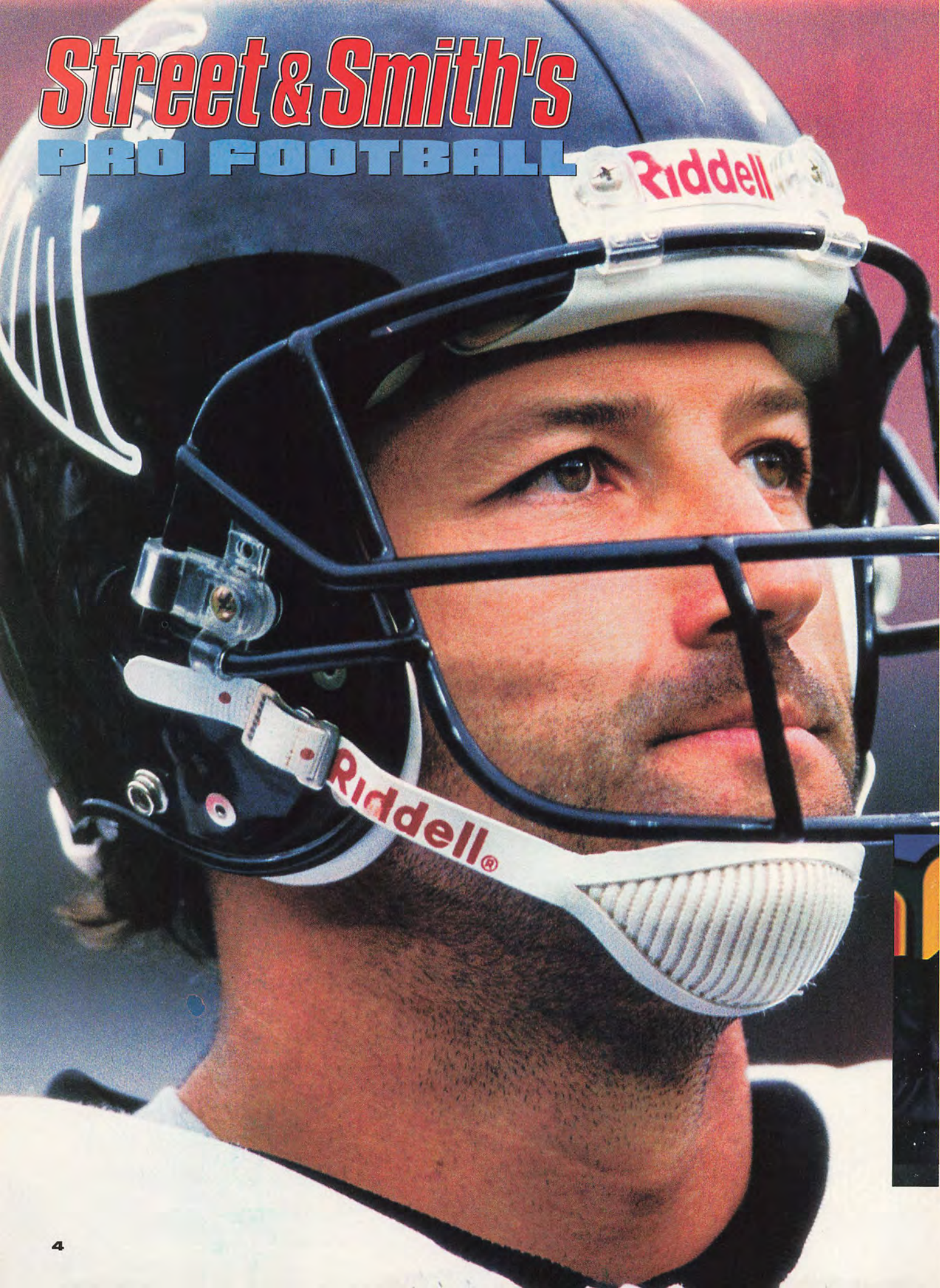
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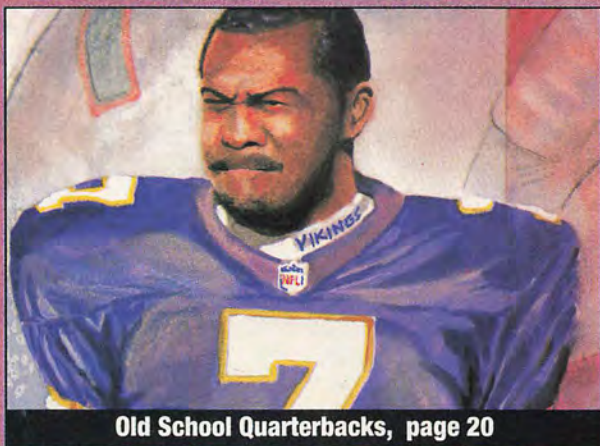
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Numbers

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Who's the NFL's biggest supplier?

Which college had the most players in the NFL last year? Which had the most Pro Bowlers? Florida State annually contends for the national title in college football. That shouldn't be a surprise, considering the talent produced by the Seminoles. Florida State had 41 of its former players in the NFL in 1998, more than any other school:

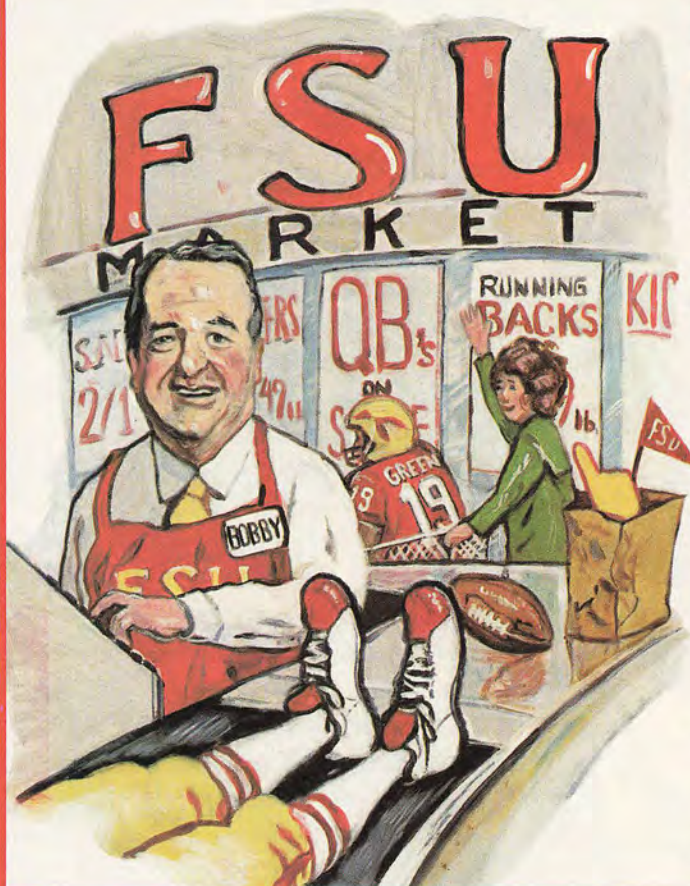
Most 1998 NFL Players, By College

College	No.	Pro Bowlers
Florida State	41	P. Boulware, D. Brooks, L. Butler, D. Sanders
Notre Dame	39	C. Hentrich
Penn State	36	S. Gash
North Carolina	35	None
Washington	34	C. Chandler, K. Gogan, L. Milloy

While the Seminoles had four 1998 Pro Bowlers, they actually trailed arch-rival Miami and Southern California in that regard. Both the Hurricanes and Trojans sent five players to the Pro Bowl last season, the most of any school:

Most 1998 Pro Bowlers, By College

College	No.	Pro Bowlers
Miami (Fla.)	5	J. Armstead, C. Kennedy, R. Lewis, W. Sapp, V. Testaverde
Southern Cal	5	T. Boselli, K. Johnson, B. Matthews, D. Russell, J. Seau
Boston College	4	M. Chmura, D. Flutie, T. Nalen, B. Romanowski
Florida State	4	P. Boulware, D. Brooks, L. Butler, D. Sanders
Ohio State	4	C. Carter, E. George, R. Smith, S. Springs



Is Terrell Davis the best sixth-round pick of modern times?

Unquestionably, yes. In four short years, Davis has rushed for 6,413 yards, scored 61 touchdowns, been the focal point of two Super Bowl championship teams and played in three Pro Bowls. Since the AFL and NFL held their first joint draft in 1967, Davis is the only sixth-round pick to be named league MVP, and he's also a good bet to be the first inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

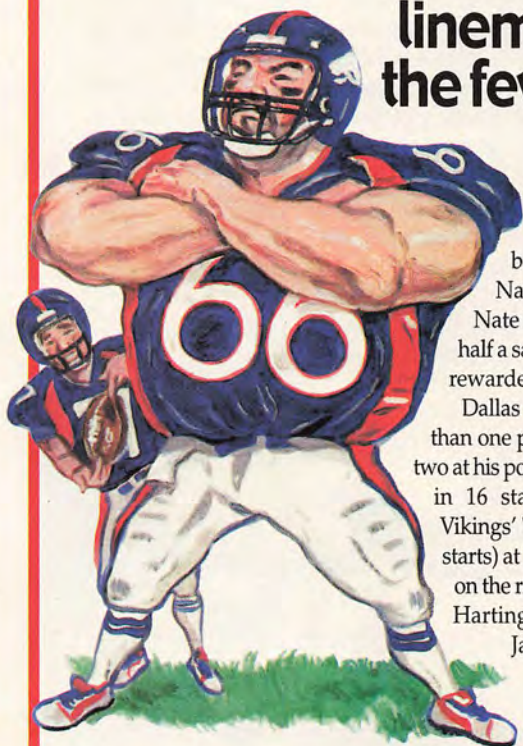
It's hard to believe 195 players were drafted before Davis in 1995, though he had missed significant time as a University of Georgia senior with a groin injury. Here is *Street & Smith's* all-sixth-round team:

Pos.	Player	Draft Team	Year
QB	Mark Rypien	Washington	1986
RB	Terrell Davis	Denver	1995
WR	Terance Mathis	NY Jets	1990
TE	Jay Novacek	St. Louis	1985
OL	Ed Newman	Miami	1973
DL	Michael Sinclair	Seattle	1991
LB	Greg Lloyd	Pittsburgh	1987
DB	Ken Riley	Cincinnati	1969
K	Matt Bahr	Pittsburgh	1979
P	Reggie Roby	Miami	1983



LEFT: SPORTS PHOTO MASTERS; ILLUSTRATION BY ANDREW BARTHELMIES

Which offensive linemen give up the fewest sacks?



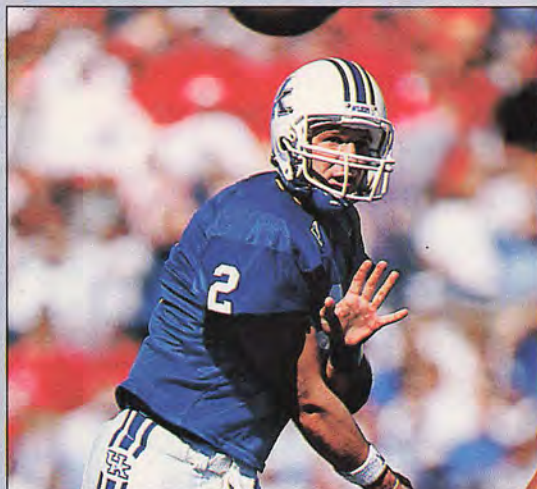
Among offensive linemen with 12 or more starts in 1998, none protected their quarterbacks better than Broncos center Tom Nalen and Cowboys left guard Nate Newton. Each permitted just half a sack in 16 starts, and both were rewarded with Pro Bowl berths.

Dallas was the only team with more than one player who finished in the top two at his position, as Larry Allen (1.5 sacks in 16 starts) ranked second to the Vikings' Todd Steussie (1.0 sacks in 15 starts) at left tackle. The top performers on the right side were Lions guard Jeff Hartings (1.0 sacks in 13 starts) and Jaguars tackle Leon Searcy (1.0 sacks in 15 starts).

Pos	Player, Team	Sacks	GS	SK/G
LT	Todd Steussie, Min	1.00	15	0.07
	Larry Allen, Dal	1.50	16	0.09
	NFL Average	6.30	16	0.39
LG	Nate Newton, Dal	0.50	16	0.03
	Glenn Parker, KC	0.50	12	0.04
	NFL Average	3.86	16	0.24
C	Tom Nalen, Den	0.50	16	0.03
	John Flannery, StL	0.75	15	0.05
	NFL Average	3.19	16	0.20
RG	Jeff Hartings, Det	1.00	13	0.08
	Brenden Stai, Pit	1.25	16	0.08
	NFL Average	4.05	16	0.25
RT	Leon Searcy, Jax	1.00	15	0.07
	James Brown, Mia	1.50	16	0.09
	NFL Average	6.05	16	0.38

(minimum 12 games started)

How many No. 1 draftee QBs have won a championship?



Good news for Cleveland and Tim Couch. Since the first joint AFL-NFL draft in 1967, four No. 1 picks have passed their teams to Super Bowl victories. The expansion Browns will be further heartened to learn that those four have combined to win 11 of the 33 Super Bowls. And that total doesn't count Steve Young, the first overall choice in the 1984 supplemental draft for the rights to USFL players. The fab four:

Player	Draft Team	Year	Super Bowl-Winning Seasons
Terry Bradshaw	Pit	1970	1974, 1975, 1978, 1979 (Pit)
Jim Plunkett	NE	1971	1980 (Oak), 1983 (LAR)
John Elway	Bal	1983	1997, 1998 (Den)
Troy Aikman	Dal	1989	1992, 1993, 1995 (Dal)

All told, quarterbacks who were picked No. 1 are four-for-nine in winning Super Bowls. Steve Bartkowski (1975, Falcons) won't ever win one, but Vinny Testaverde (1987, Buccaneers), Jeff George (1990, Colts), Drew Bledsoe (1993, Patriots) and Peyton Manning (1998, Colts) still have a chance.

Who has the worst hands in the NFL?

This one's easy: it's Eddie Kennison, whose stone hands cost him a starting job with the Rams and led to his offseason trade to the Saints. For every player, we track dropped passes and fumbles as well as opportunities on balls our reporters deem "catchable." Kennison was the only player to rank in the top five in both drops per catchable pass and fumbles per touch.

Most Drops Per Catchable Pass, 1998 (minimum 20 catchable passes)

Player, Team	Drops	Catchable	Pct.
Karim Abdul-Jabbar, Mia	9	30	30.0
Eddie Kennison, StL	7	24	29.2
Bert Emanuel, TB	13	54	24.1
Terry Mickens, Oak	7	31	22.6
James McKnight, Sea	6	27	22.2
NFL Average			9.0

Most Fumbles Per Touch, 1998 (minimum 40 rushes+receptions +kick/punt returns; quarterbacks excluded)

Player, Team	Fumbles	Touches	Pct.
Latorio Rachal, SD	4	43	9.3
Jacquez Green, TB	5	57	8.8
Richard Huntley, Pit	5	64	7.8
Roell Preston, GB	7	103	6.8
Eddie Kennison, StL	4	59	6.8
NFL Average			1.7



Can Ryan turn over a new Leaf?

It began with victories in his first two NFL starts. It ended with a spot on the bench, a new head coach and a sea of question marks. And there was plenty in between to fill one headline after another.

The 1998 season was anything but a smooth beginning to Ryan Leaf's career, and the concern now is just how long that career will last—

Lowest Quarterback Ratings, Rookie Season

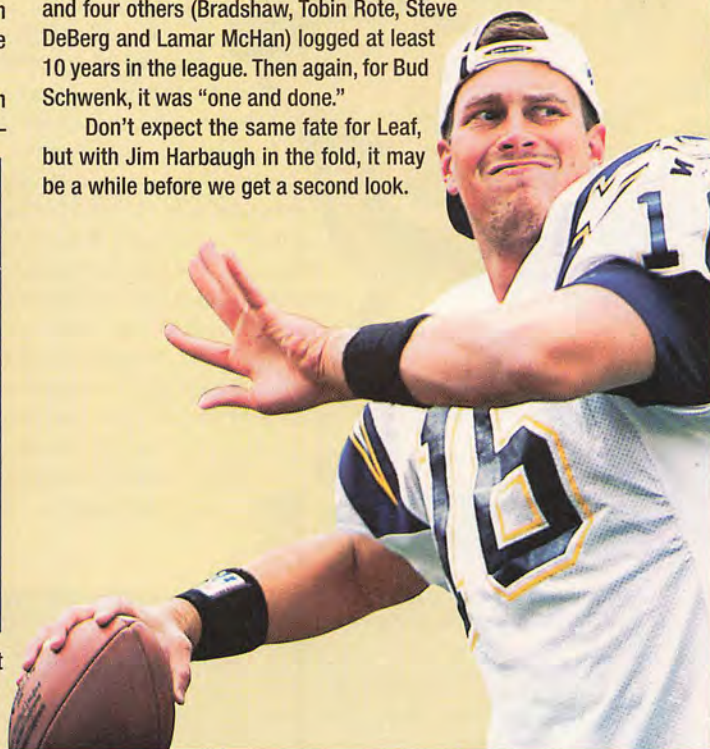
Player, Team	Year	Com-Att	Pct	TD	Int	Rating
Bud Schwenk, ChiC	1942	126-295	42.7	6	27	25.5
Tobin Rote, GB	1950	83-224	37.1	7	24	26.7
Terry Bradshaw, Pit	1970	83-218	38.1	6	24	30.4
Lamar McHan, ChiC	1954	105-255	41.2	6	22	32.4
Dan Darragh, Buf	1968	92-215	42.8	3	14	33.0
Ryan Leaf, SD	1998	111-245	45.3	2	15	39.0
Steve DeBerg, SF	1978	137-302	45.4	8	22	40.0
Joe Pisarcik, NYG	1977	103-241	42.7	4	14	42.3
Paul Christman, ChiC	1945	89-219	40.6	5	12	42.6
John Hadl, SD	1962	107-260	41.2	15	24	43.3

[minimum 200 attempts]

and what will it be like. Leaf kept his starting role long enough to post one of the lowest rookie quarterback ratings of all-time among signal-callers who tossed at least 200 passes in their inaugural campaign.

Amazingly, Leaf doesn't have the distinction of being the highest-drafted quarterback to make our list. That prize goes to the No. 1 pick in 1970, Terry Bradshaw, who threw 46 interceptions in his first two seasons on the way to the Hall of Fame. Leaf isn't even the only Charger to crack the top 10, thanks to John Hadl's shaky start for San Diego in 1962. Hadl went on to play for 16 seasons, however, and four others (Bradshaw, Tobin Rote, Steve DeBerg and Lamar McHan) logged at least 10 years in the league. Then again, for Bud Schwenk, it was "one and done."

Don't expect the same fate for Leaf, but with Jim Harbaugh in the fold, it may be a while before we get a second look.



Which teams have the most home-grown talent?

It's been said that the best NFL teams have traditionally drafted and signed their own talent. But is this still true in the era of free agency?

We took each NFL club and added up the total number of games started in 1998 by players who were originally drafted by that club, plus games started by undrafted free agents who were still with their original NFL team. Here are the teams with the with the most and least home-grown talent:

MOST	TOTAL STARTS
Cowboys	311
Oilers	274
Giants	273
Steelers	271
Bills	263
FEWEST	TOTAL STARTS
Panthers	114
Ravens	138
49ers	157
Chargers	162
Broncos	164

Only two of the five teams with the most starts by home-grown players made the playoffs last year, and both (Cowboys and Bills) made quick exits. On the other hand, the list of teams with the fewest starts by home-grown players included the two-time Super Bowl champion Broncos as well as one of the

league's perennial powers, the 49ers. Denver's Super Bowl opponent, the Falcons, had the 10th-fewest starts by home-grown players with 178.

It seems clear that signing and trading for other teams' talent can be as important as the draft these days, if not more so.



TOP: DANIEL GLUSKOTER; ILLUSTRATION BY ANDREW BARTHELEMES

Has a QB ever retired following a season as good as Elway's?

If Michael Jordan can retire after three straight NBA championships and three straight scoring titles, we probably shouldn't be surprised that John Elway called it quits after winning his second consecutive Super Bowl. Nevertheless, the end of Elway's brilliant career certainly doesn't represent the way most quarterbacks hang up their cleats. Most have to be dragged kicking and screaming from the field—or else have their broken bodies scraped off the turf.

Final Season QB Ratings

PLAYER	YEAR	RATING
Boomer Esiason	1997	106.9
Sonny Jurgensen	1974	94.5
Otto Graham	1955	94.0
John Elway	1998	93.0
Roger Staubach	1979	92.3
Don Meredith	1968	88.4
Phil Simms	1993	88.3
Cecil Isbell	1942	87.0
Neil Lomax	1988	86.7
Norm Van Brocklin	1960	86.5

But Elway chose a different path. He remained an offensive force at age 38 last year, throwing for 22 touchdowns while completing 59 percent of his passes. His 93.0 rating represents one of the best marks any quarterback has compiled in his final season.

Boomer Esiason obviously had other options available when he retired to join the Monday Night Football broadcasting crew. The Redskins had other options in Billy Kilmer and Joe Theismann when Jurgensen left the scene.

Elway is not the first quarterback to retire after winning a championship. Norm Van Brocklin called it quits after leading the Eagles to the 1960 title, while Otto Graham hung 'em up after guiding the Browns to a second straight title in 1955. Of course, that second championship occurred after Graham was talked out of retirement following the 1954 season. Bronco fans were hoping history repeated itself with Elway, but bad knees and a banged-up body forced him to announce his retirement in May.



Have the Rams become the worst franchise in the NFL?

St. Louis football fans don't have the highest of expectations. Rooting 28 years for the football Cardinals lowered their standards. The Big Red won more than nine games in only three seasons while in St. Louis. And they never won a playoff game.

So when the Rams arrived in the Gateway City in 1995, St. Louis fans weren't asking for much. Respectability would have been nice. A winning season or two would have been cause for celebration. Instead, the Rams have actually fallen short of even the Cardinals' modest successes.

The Rams have mustered a 22-42 (.344) record since arriving in St. Louis, reducing their overall mark to 45-99 since 1990. They've clearly sunk to bottom of the league this decade:

Worst NFL Records Since 1990

Team	Record	Pct
Rams	45-99	.313
Bengals	48-96	.333
Ravens	16-31-1	.344
Cardinals	52-92	.361
Colts	53-91	.368
Buccaneers	56-88	.389
Jets	57-87	.396
Browns	39-57	.406
Patriots	60-84	.417
Seahawks	61-83	.424

If it's possible, the Rams' sorry record doesn't convey just how poorly they've fared this decade. They've been eliminated from playoff contention by Halloween virtually every season, losing at least 10 games on eight occasions. Their "high-water" mark? A less-than-scintillating 7-9. You can't like the recent trend, either. St. Louis has lost nine, 10, 11 and 12 games the last four years, respectively.

If you were looking for the successor to Tampa Bay's incredible streak of futility, you'll find a very strong candidate in St. Louis.

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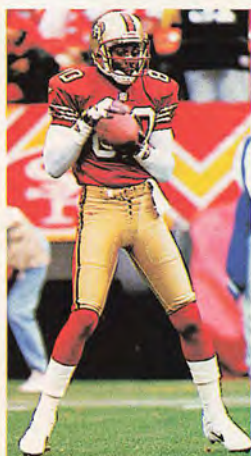
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active players in 1998 in caps

TOUCHDOWNS

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Marcus Allen	145
EMMITT SMITH	134
Jim Brown	126
Walter Payton	125
John Riggins	116
Lenny Moore	113
BARRY SANDERS	109
Don Hutson	105
CRIS CARTER	102
Steve Largent	101
Franco Harris	100
Eric Dickerson	96
Jim Taylor	93
Tony Dorsett	91
Bobby Mitchell	91
Leroy Kelly	90
Charley Taylor	90
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Lance Alworth	87
Ottis Anderson	86
ANDRE REED	86
THURMAN THOMAS	86
Paul Warfield	86
Mark Clayton	85
Tommy McDonald	85
Herschel Walker	84
Pete Johnson	82
Art Powell	82
IRVING FRYAR	81
James Brooks	79
Harold Carmichael	79



JERRY RICE

Frank Gifford	78
ANDRE RISON	78
Fred Biletnikoff	77
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Bill Brown	76

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MORTEN ANDERSEN	1,761
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Jan Stenerud	1,699
NORM JOHNSON	1,657
Eddie Murray	1,532

Jim Turner	1,487
Pat Leahy	1,470
Matt Bahr	1,422
Mark Moseley	1,382
Jim Bakken	1,380
Fred Cox	1,365
AL DEL GRECO	1,360
Lou Groza	1,349
Jim Breech	1,246
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Lou Michaels	953
Fuad Reveziz	931
Chip Lohmiller	913
Roy Gerela	903
JOHN CARNEY	892
Bobby Walston	881
Tony Zendejas	874
Marcus Allen	872

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

DAN MARINO	408
Fran Tarkenton	342
JOHN ELWAY	300
WARREN MOON	290
Johnny Unitas	290
Joe Montana	273
DAVE KRIEG	261
Sonny Jurgensen	255
Dan Fouts	254
Boomer Esiason	247
John Hadl	244
Len Dawson	239
Jim Kelly	237
George Blanda	236
STEVE YOUNG	229
John Brodie	214
BRETT FAVRE	213
Terry Bradshaw	212
Y.A. Tittle	212
Jim Hart	209
VINNY TESTAVERDE	204
Jim Everett	203
Roman Gabriel	201



WARREN MOON

Phil Simms	199
Ken Anderson	197
STEVE DEBERG	196
Joe Ferguson	196
Bobby Layne	196
Norm Snead	196
Ken Stabler	194
Bob Griese	192
R. CUNNINGHAM	190
Sammy Baugh	187
Craig Morton	183
Steve Grogan	182
Ron Jaworski	179
Babe Parilli	178

PASSING YARDS

DAN MARINO	58,913
JOHN ELWAY	51,475
WARREN MOON	49,097
Fran Tarkenton	47,003
Dan Fouts	43,040
Joe Montana	40,551
Johnny Unitas	40,239
DAVE KRIEG	38,147
Boomer Esiason	37,920
Jim Kelly	35,467
Jim Everett	34,837
Jim Hart	34,665
STEVE DEBERG	34,241
John Hadl	33,503
Phil Simms	33,462
Ken Anderson	32,838
STEVE YOUNG	32,678
VINNY TESTAVERDE	32,479
Sonny Jurgensen	32,224

John Brodie	31,548
Norm Snead	30,797
Joe Ferguson	29,817
Roman Gabriel	29,444
Len Dawson	28,711
TROY AIKMAN	28,346
Y.A. Tittle	28,339
Ron Jaworski	28,190
Terry Bradshaw	27,989
Ken Stabler	27,938
Craig Morton	27,908
Joe Namath	27,663
R. CUNNINGHAM	27,082
George Blanda	26,920



DAN MARINO



MORTEN
ANDERSEN

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Steve Grogan	26,886
BRETT FAVRE	26,803
Bobby Layne	26,768
Jim Plunkett	25,882
Joe Theismann	25,206
Ken O'Brien	25,094
Bob Griese	25,092
Tommy Kramer	24,777
Bart Starr	24,718

PASS COMPLETIONS

DAN MARINO	4,763
JOHN ELWAY	4,123
WARREN MOON	3,972
Fran Tarkenton	3,686
Joe Montana	3,409
Dan Fouts	3,297
DAVE KRIEG	3,105
Boomer Esiason	2,969
STEVE DEBERG	2,874
Jim Kelly	2,874
Jim Everett	2,841
Johnny Unitas	2,830
Ken Anderson	2,654
STEVE YOUNG	2,622
Jim Hart	2,593
Phil Simms	2,576
VINNY TESTAVERDE	2,559



ANDRE REED

Herschel Walker	8,225
Roger Craig	8,189
Gerald Riggs	8,188
Larry Csonka	8,081
Freeman McNeil	8,074
James Brooks	7,962
RICKY WATTERS	7,873
Mike Pruitt	7,378
JEROME BETTIS	7,372
Leroy Kelly	7,274
George Rogers	7,176
CHRIS WARREN	6,997

Drew Hill	634
Don Maynard	633
Raymond Berry	631
KEITH BYARS	610
HERMAN MOORE	610
Anthony Miller	595
Sterling Sharpe	595
ROB MOORE	591
Harold Carmichael	590
Fred Biletnikoff	589
Marcus Allen	587
Bill Brooks	583
Mark Clayton	582
BRIAN BLADES	581
Ronnie Harmon	581
Harold Jackson	579
Ernest Givins	571
MARK CARRIER	569
Lionel Taylor	567
Roger Craig	566
WEBSTER SLAUGHTER	563
Wes Chandler	559
Roy Green	559
Stanley Morgan	557
Eric Martin	553
John L. Williams	546
J.T. Smith	544
Lance Alworth	542
Kellen Winslow	541
John Stallworth	537
LARRY CENTERS	535
Haywood Jeffries	535
SHANNON SHARPE	529
ERIC METCALF	526

ANDRE RISON	9,381
Raymond Berry	9,275
Anthony Miller	9,148
Charley Taylor	9,110
Harold Carmichael	8,985

INTERCEPTIONS

Paul Krause	81
Emlen Tunnell	79
Dick Lane	68
Ken Riley	65
Ronnie Lott	63
Dave Brown	62
Dick LeBeau	62
Emmitt Thomas	58
Mel Blount	57
Bobby Boyd	57
Johnny Robinson	57
Everson Walls	57
Lem Barney	56
Pat Fischer	56
Willie Brown	54
EUGENE ROBINSON	53
Jack Butler	52
Bobby Dillon	52
Jimmy Patton	52
Mel Renfro	52
Larry Wilson	52
Bobby Bryant	51
Donnie Shell	51
Don Burroughs	50
Deron Cherry	50
John Harris	50
Yale Lary	50
Ken Houston	49
Jake Scott	49

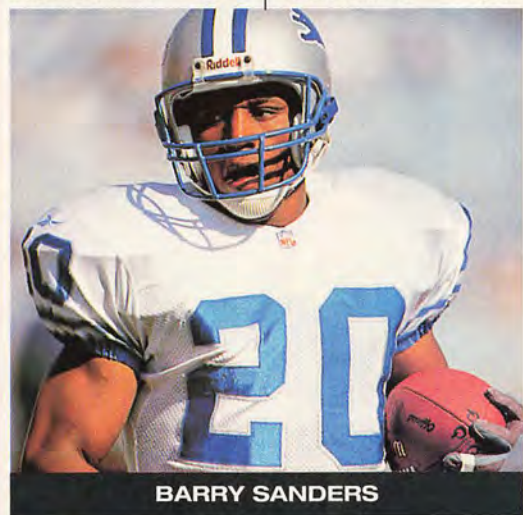
SACKS (since 1982)

REGGIE WHITE	192.5
BRUCE SMITH	164.0
KEVIN GREENE	148.0
CHRIS DOLEMAN	142.5



CRIS CARTER

Richard Dent	137.5
Lawrence Taylor	132.5
Rickey Jackson	128.0
LESLIE O'NEAL	127.0
DERRICK THOMAS	119.5
CLYDE SIMMONS	114.0
Sean Jones	113.0
Greg Townsend	109.5
PAT SWILLING	107.5
Jim Jeffcoat	102.5
WILLIAM FULLER	100.5
Andre Tippett	100.0
NEIL SMITH	98.0
Simon Fletcher	97.5
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Charles Haley	97.5
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JOHN RANDLE	96.0



BARRY SANDERS

TROY AIKMAN	2,479
John Brodie	2,469
Sonny Jurgensen	2,433

Rodney Hampton	6,897
TERRY ALLEN	6,881
Curt Warner	6,844
John Henry Johnson	6,803
Wilbert Montgomery	6,789

RUSHING YARDS

Walter Payton	16,726
BARRY SANDERS	15,269
Eric Dickerson	13,259
Tony Dorsett	12,739
EMMITT SMITH	12,566
Jim Brown	12,312
Marcus Allen	12,243
Franco Harris	12,120
THURMAN THOMAS	11,786
John Riggins	11,352
O.J. Simpson	11,236
Ottis Anderson	10,273
Earl Campbell	9,407
Jim Taylor	8,597
Joe Perry	8,378
Earnest Byner	8,261

RECEPTIONS

JERRY RICE	1,139
Art Monk	940
ANDRE REED	889
CRIS CARTER	834
Steve Largent	819
HENRY ELLARD	814
IRVING FRYAR	784
James Lofton	764
Charlie Joiner	750
MICHAEL IRVIN	740
Gary Clark	699
ANDRE RISON	681
TIM BROWN	680
Ozzie Newsome	662
Charley Taylor	649

RECEIVING YARDS

JERRY RICE	17,612
James Lofton	14,004
HENRY ELLARD	13,777
Steve Largent	13,089
Art Monk	12,721
ANDRE REED	12,559
Charlie Joiner	12,146
IRVING FRYAR	11,983
Don Maynard	11,834
MICHAEL IRVIN	11,737
Gary Clark	10,856
Stanley Morgan	10,716
CRIS CARTER	10,447
Harold Jackson	10,372
Lance Alworth	10,266
Drew Hill	9,831
TIM BROWN	9,600



BRUCE SMITH

FANTASY Rankings

Gambling on middle-round hopefuls may prove as productive in 1999 as it was last season.

By Les Kovach

For fantasy football enthusiasts, last season proved at least one thing: Take a few chances in your draft. Middle-round selections like Randy Moss, Vinny Testaverde and Terrell Owens made the difference between champs and chumps.

By the time your 1999 draft rolls around, you should know the top 15 or 20 picks with some certainty, but always expect a few surprises. Decide how big a risk you're willing to take. The earlier you act on your hunch, the more off the mark you may look. On the other hand, wait too long and one of your competitors may get your guy.

It's all about potential

The trick is to grab next year's first-rounder in the fourth round this year. (Easier said than done.) The most obvious way to land a steal is to take a gamble on a rookie, but don't be fooled by last year's rookie class. Moss, Peyton Manning and Fred Taylor were excep-

should make more significant contributions initially.

One coach's trash is another's treasure

Take a long look at reclamation projects. Eric Green should thrive in Jets coach Bill Parcells' offense. And thanks to free agency, one coach's bench-warmer can quickly become another's star. Rich Gannon, hand-picked by Jon Gruden to replace Jeff George in Oakland, and Doug Pederson, reunited with Andy Reid in Philadelphia, have both been anointed opening-day starters by their new coaches.

Then there are players who wore out their welcomes elsewhere. Former starting quarterbacks Kerry Collins and Scott Mitchell, and past flashes like Eddie Kennison all will be given every opportunity to revive their careers this season. Examine the up-and-comers, too. Some guys just need a little time to develop, and landing one on your roster could make you look especially adept.

Here's one prospect from each division who will be given a chance at fantasy paydirt in '99:

NFC EAST: Skip Hicks, RB, Washington

NFC CENTRAL: Curtis Enis, RB, Chicago

NFC WEST: Rae Carruth, WR, Carolina

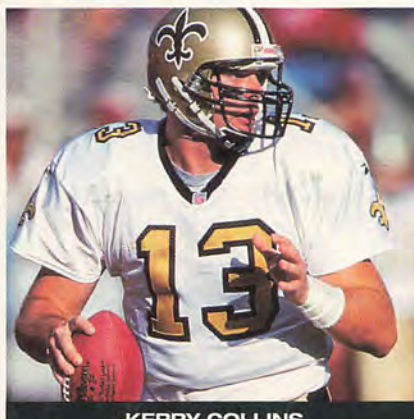
AFC EAST: E.G. Green, WR, Indianapolis

AFC CENTRAL: Kevin Dyson, WR, Tennessee

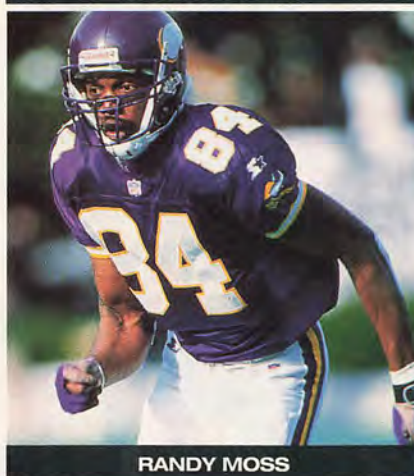
AFC WEST: John Kitna, QB, Seattle

Injuries can make or break your season

Injuries to top players are difficult to overcome, but planning can save your season from ruin, or turn another team's loss into your gain. It all depends on which side of the injury you're on. Brad Johnson was a first- or second-round pick in most fantasy drafts last



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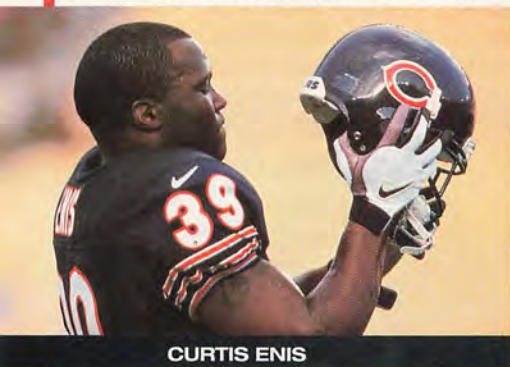


RANDY MOSS

year, but Randall Cunningham was probably available in the 10th, even though everyone knows most quarterbacks miss playing time.

So use a flyer on a backup—either for one of your starters or someone else's. These guys take a little more luck to pay off, but they're good insurance. A player like Leroy Hoard, who gets the goal-line carries in Minnesota even when Robert Smith is healthy, would become a top 10 back should Smith be sidelined.

Finally, stay up-to-date with all the training camp and preseason action, especially in places like Miami's backfield. No amount of research in June can prepare you for your draft as well as some diligent late-August analysis. Update your player rankings as personnel developments unfold and, as always, keep your eye on player movement and injuries.



CURTIS ENIS

tions. Rarely do freshmen experience so much success so quickly.

Still, one rookie usually makes his mark, and New Orleans' Ricky Williams and Edgerrin James of Indianapolis should be the first two selected in any fantasy draft this year. But none of the record five quarterbacks taken in the first round of the '99 NFL draft will get the same opportunity Manning had, and Cleveland's Tim Couch, the most game-ready, isn't as prepared. Polished receivers Torry Holt of St. Louis and Arizona's David Boston, both top 10 picks,

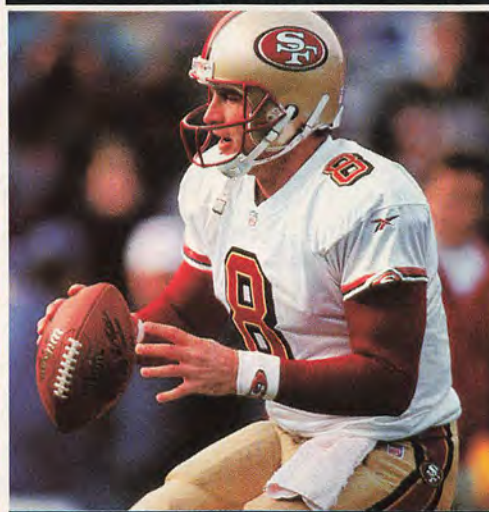
Quarterbacks

Player	Team	
1 Brett Favre	GB	Even without healthy run game in 1998, threw for over 30 TDs for a fifth-straight season.
2 Steve Young	SF	Best QB in the NFL. And he's got one of best receiving corps, too.
3 Randall Cunningham	Min	No question the tools are there, but can he stay healthy? An awful lot clicked last year.
4 Drew Bledsoe	NE	Took too many hits but played through pain. Will throw more to compensate for run game.
5 Vinny Testaverde	NYJ	No. 2-rated QB in NFL. His 29 TDs were third. Talented offense may take Jets all the way.
6 Mark Brunell	Jax	Top 3 QB if he plays 16 games. Averaged 19 TDs, 3,400 yards passing the last three years.
7 Peyton Manning	Ind	Rookie-record 26 TD passes ranked fifth in league, and 3,739 yards passing was third.
8 Chris Chandler	Atl	Won't play all 16 games, but has 45 TDs last two seasons and makes few mistakes.
9 Jake Plummer	Ari	Must cut down turnovers and trust talent around him. Could pass for 4,000 yards, 20-plus TDs.
10 Doug Flutie	Buf	Winner has offensive weapons and teammates' confidence. 20 TDs, 11 INTs in 10 starts.
11 Brad Johnson	Wash	Has never played more than 13 games, but smart QB with 62% career-completion rate.
12 Troy Aikman	Dal	Is back healthy and team showed life. Value is in consistency: 141 TDs in 140 career starts.
13 Steve McNair	Tenn	Team plagued by inconsistency, but he is dangerous. 4,000 total yards in each of last two years.
14 Dan Marino	Mia	Has 629 completions for 7,277 yards last two seasons. Surrounding talent improving.
15 Steve Beuerlein	Car	Established himself as starter with 17 TDs in 12 starts. New coach George Seifert brings wins.
16 Kordell Stewart	Pit	
17 Charlie Batch	Det	
18 Bubby Brister	Den	
19 Erik Kramer	Chi	
20 Trent Green	StL	
21 Rich Gannon	Oak	
22 Jon Kitna	Sea	
23 Jim Harbaugh	SD	
24 Trent Dilfer	TB	
25 Scott Mitchell	Bal	
26 Jeff George	Min	
27 Jeff Blake	Cin	
28 Elvis Grbac	KC	
29 Kerry Collins	NYG	
30 Ty Detmer	Cle	
31 Billy Joe Hobert	NO	
32 Doug Pederson	Phi	
33 Warren Moon	KC	
34 Rob Johnson	Buf	
35 Gus Frerotte	Det	
36 Kent Graham	NYG	
37 Danny Kanell	Atl	
38 Tim Couch*	Cle	
39 Eric Zeier	TB	
40 Akili Smith*	Cin	
41 Steve Bono	Car	
42 Ryan Leaf	SD	
43 Glenn Foley	Sea	
44 Donovan McNabb*	Phi	
45 Tony Banks	Bal	

* Rookie



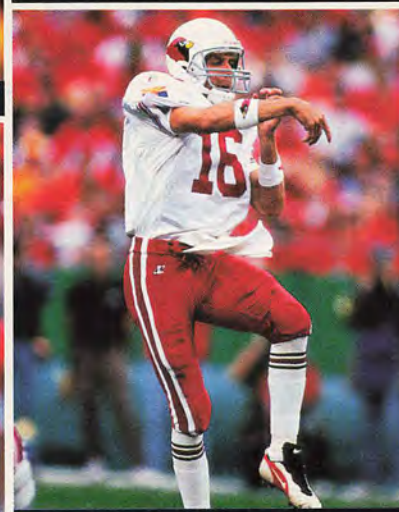
#14 DAN MARINO



#2 STEVE YOUNG



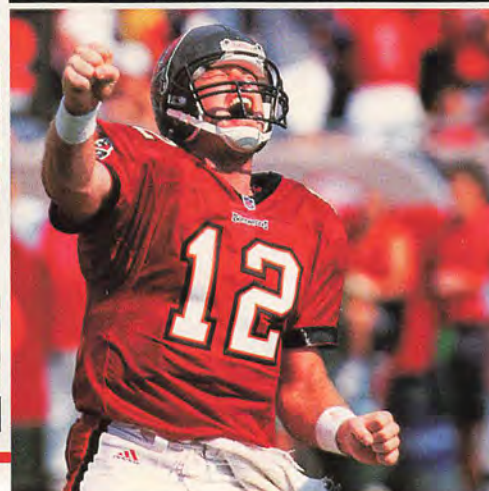
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#9 JAKE PLUMMER



#3 RANDALL CUNNINGHAM



#24 TRENT DILFER

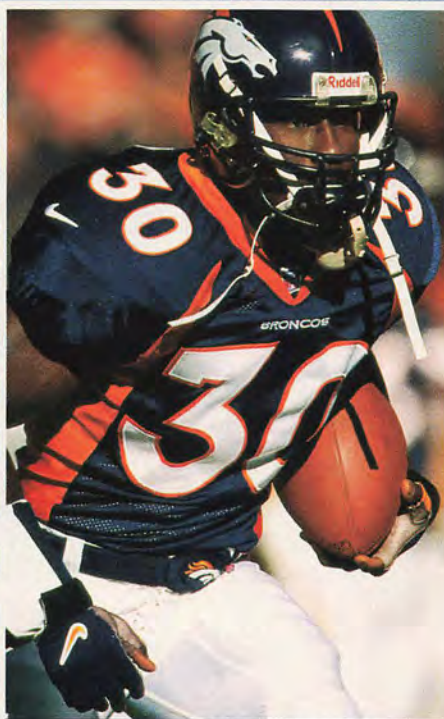
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Running Backs

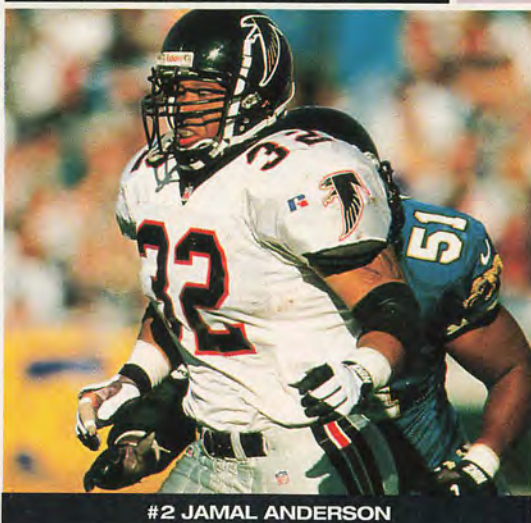
Player	Team	
1 Terrell Davis	Den	No. 1 pick in any draft. Averaged more than 1,700 yards and 16 TDs rushing last three years.
2 Jamal Anderson	Atl	Most physical back in league. Record 410 carries, third-best 2,165 total yards and 16 TDs.
3 Curtis Martin	NYJ	Parcells' guy will again get bulk of goal-line carries and more TDs behind better line.
4 Barry Sanders	Det	Still best pure runner in game. Always threat to break 60-yard TD run and gain 2,000 yards.
5 Marshall Faulk	StL	Compiled 2,227 total yards, third-best in NFL history, with 10 TDs. Trade to Rams hurts value.
6 Eddie George	Tenn	Has 1,040 carries for 4,061 yards, 19 TDs in three years. Lorenzo Neal only helps clear way.
7 Fred Taylor	Jax	Runs strong behind one of top lines in league. Added 2 TDs and 400 yards on 42 catches.
8 Ricky Watters	Sea	Has 1,500 total yards in five straight seasons. Fits Seattle coach Mike Holmgren's offense perfectly.
9 Dorsey Levens	GB	If healthy, will reemerge as No. 1 option in wide-open offense. Workhorse with good hands.
10 Robert Smith	Min	Leroy Hoard getting goal-line carries keeps him out of top 5. Still, nearly 1,500 total yards likely.
11 Jerome Bettis	Pit	Don't get off the 'Bus' yet. New coordinator will go a long way toward solving offensive woes.
12 Emmitt Smith	Dal	Proved he's lock for Hall, rebounding with 15 TDs and 1,500 yards, but age remains concern.
13 Garrison Hearst	SF	Injury is huge concern, but was fourth in total yards (2,105) and averaged 5.1 yards per rush.
14 Ricky Williams*	NO	Ditka hitched his job to Williams and will give him every chance to carry the team.
15 Corey Dillon	Cin	Didn't match rookie year, but had solid numbers. Touchdown total should improve.
16 Antowain Smith	Buf	
17 Skip Hicks	Wash	
18 Adrian Murrell	Ari	
19 Curtis Enis	Chi	
20 Natrone Means	SD	
21 Edgerrin James*	Ind	
22 Bam Morris	KC	
23 Priest Holmes	Bal	
24 Gary Brown	NYG	
25 Leroy Hoard	Min	
26 Karim Abdul-Jabbar	Mia	
27 Mike Alstott	TB	
28 Terry Kirby	Cle	
29 Warrick Dunn	TB	
30 Fred Lane	Car	
31 Duce Staley	Phi	
32 Napoleon Kaufman	Oak	
33 Lamar Smith	NO	
34 Kevin Faulk*	NE	
35 Darick Holmes	Ind	
36 Amp Lee	StL	
37 Travis Jervey	SF	
38 Greg Hill	StL	
39 Tommy Vardell	SF	
40 Larry Centers	Ari	
41 Thurman Thomas	Buf	
42 Charlie Garner	FA	
43 John Avery	Mia	
44 Tim Biakabutuka	Car	
45 Terrell Fletcher	SD	
46 Chris Warren	Dal	
47 James Stewart	Jax	
48 Charles Way	NYG	
49 Errict Rhett	Bal	
50 James Johnson*	Mia	
51 Edgar Bennett	Chi	
52 Leon Johnson	NYJ	
53 Ahman Green	Sea	
54 Kimble Anders	KC	
55 Lamont Warren	NE	
56 Harvey Williams	Oak	
57 Tiki Barber	NYG	
58 Byron Hanspard	Atl	
59 Donnell Bennett	KC	
60 Derek Loville	Den	

* Rookie

FA = Free Agent



#1 TERRELL DAVIS



#2 JAMAL ANDERSON

Tight Ends

Player	Team
1 Ben Coates	NE
2 Shannon Sharpe	Den
3 Eric Green	NYJ
4 Wesley Walls	Car
5 Frank Wycheck	Ten
6 Rickey Dudley	Oak
7 Cameron Cleeland	NO
8 Mark Chmura	GB
9 Andrew Glover	Min
10 Tony Gonzalez	KC
11 Kyle Brady	Jax
12 Troy Drayton	Mia
13 Tyrone Davis	GB
14 Freddie Jones	SD
15 O.J. Santiago	Atl
16 Dave Moore	TB
17 Jay Riemersma	Buf
18 Christian Fauria	Sea
19 Pete Mitchell	NYG
20 David Lafleur	Dal



#1 BEN COATES

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Wide Receivers

Player	Team	
1 Antonio Freeman	GB	Premier WR in NFL and Favre's favorite target: 165 grabs, 2,667 yards, 26 TDs in two years.
2 Terrell Owens	SF	Replaced Rice as Young's favorite target in one of league's top offenses.
3 Randy Moss	Min	The Freak joined the elite, leading all WRs with 17 TDs and finishing No. 3 with 1,313 yards.
4 Joey Galloway	Sea	Speed kills. Can score long on any play. Has 22 TDs, 2,096 yards receiving last two years.
5 Cris Carter	Min	Eighth in NFL with 12 TDs. Could go up as Moss draws more attention. Lock for 1,000 yards.
6 Keyshawn Johnson	NYJ	Finally walked the walk to match his talk, and still maturing. Has as much talent as any WR.
7 Jimmy Smith	Jax	Continues to improve as player. Proven deep threat last 3 seasons. TD total should go up.
8 Herman Moore	Det	Production plummeted with Batch at helm, but began to rebound as young QB matured.
9 Terance Mathis	Atl	Tied for 6th among WRs with 11 TDs. Will see more balls with departure of Tony Martin.
10 Jerry Rice	SF	Not No. 1 option, but has something to prove. Will grab 75 balls for 1,100 yards and 9 TDs.
11 Eric Moulds	Buf	Topped league with 20.4 yards per catch on nearly 1,400 yards with 9 TDs.
12 Rod Smith	Den	Emerging as top talent in league. Though TD total fell off, receptions and yards improved.
13 Tim Brown	Oak	Few have done it for so long. Has over 80 catches and 1,000 yards in six straight seasons.
14 Rob Moore	Ari	Stats slipped last year, but will rebound as Plummer and team continue to win.
15 O.J. McDuffie	Mia	Led league with 90 receptions and will have more help from other WR slot and run game.

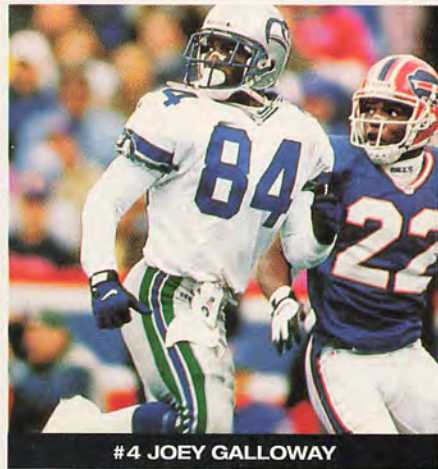
16 Michael Irvin	Dal
17 Wayne Chrebet	NYJ
18 Carl Pickens	Cin
19 Ed McCaffrey	Den
20 Raghib Ismail	Dal
21 Muhsin Muhammad	Car
22 Marvin Harrison	Ind
23 Keenan McCardell	Jax
24 Jermaine Lewis	Bal
25 J.J. Stokes	SF
26 Isaac Bruce	StL
27 Terry Glenn	NE
28 Frank Sanders	Ari
29 Chris Calloway	Atl
30 Andre Rison	KC
31 Robert Brooks	GB
32 Darnay Scott	Cin
33 Derrick Alexander	KC
34 Jake Reed	Min
35 Andre Reed	Buf
36 Johnnie Morton	Det
37 Sean Dawkins	Sea
38 Torry Holt*	StL
39 Kevin Dyson	Ten
40 Charles Johnson	Phi
41 Leslie Shepherd	Cle
42 Jeff Graham	SD
43 Michael Westbrook	Wash
44 Torrance Small	Phi
45 James Jett	Oak
46 Yancey Thigpen	Tenn
47 Reidel Anthony	TB
48 Curtis Conway	Chi
49 Ike Hilliard	NYG
50 Rae Carruth	Car
51 Willie Green	Mia
52 David Boston*	Ari
53 Bert Emanuel	TB
54 Courtney Hawkins	Pit
55 Eddie Kennison	NO
56 Shawn Jefferson	NE
57 E.G. Green	Ind
58 Tony Martin	Mia
59 Bill Schroeder	GB
60 Az-Zahir Hakim	StL



#6 KEYSHAWN JOHNSON



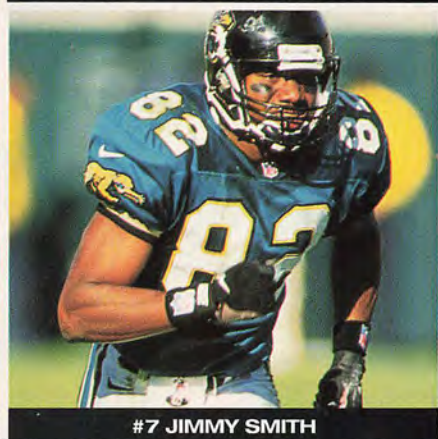
#2 TERRELL OWENS



#4 JOEY GALLOWAY



#1 ANTONIO FREEMAN



#7 JIMMY SMITH

* Rookie

FA = Free Agent

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Kickers

Player	Team
1 Gary Anderson	Min
2 Jason Elam	Den
3 Ryan Longwell	GB
4 Adam Vinatieri	NE
5 Richie Cunningham	Dal
6 Mike Hollis	Jax
7 Jason Hanson	Det
8 Morten Andersen	Atl
9 John Hall	NYJ
10 Pete Stoyanovich	KC
11 Al Del Greco	Ten
12 Steve Christie	Buf
13 Doug Brien	NO
14 Todd Peterson	Sea
15 Norm Johnson	Pit
16 Mike Vanderjagt	Ind
17 John Kasay	Car
18 Olindo Mare	Mia
19 Matt Stover	Bal
20 John Carney	SD



#1 GARY ANDERSON



#23 JEROME BETTIS

Defenses

Team
1 Miami Dolphins
2 New York Jets
3 New Orleans Saints
4 Green Bay Packers
5 New York Giants
6 Seattle Seahawks
7 Atlanta Falcons
8 Oakland Raiders
9 Denver Broncos
10 Arizona Cardinals
11 Baltimore Ravens
12 Pittsburgh Steelers
13 San Francisco 49ers
14 New England Patriots
15 Kansas City Chiefs
16 Minnesota Vikings
17 Jacksonville Jaguars
18 Dallas Cowboys
19 Buffalo Bills
20 San Diego Chargers
21 Tampa Bay Buccaneers
22 Chicago Bears
23 St. Louis Rams
24 Tennessee Titans
25 Indianapolis Colts
26 Carolina Panthers
27 Cincinnati Bengals
28 Washington Redskins
29 Detroit Lions
30 Cleveland Browns
31 Philadelphia Eagles



THE PACKER DEFENSE



#4 CURTIS MARTIN

Power 60

Player	Team
1 Terrell Davis	Den
2 Jamal Anderson	Atl
3 Brett Favre	GB
4 Curtis Martin	NYJ
5 Steve Young	SF
6 Antonio Freeman	GB
7 Barry Sanders	Det
8 Marshall Faulk	StL
9 Eddie George	Tenn
10 Fred Taylor	Jax
11 Terrell Owens	SF
12 Ricky Watters	Sea
13 Randy Moss	Min
14 Joey Galloway	Sea
15 Cris Carter	Min
16 Dorsey Levens	GB
17 Randall Cunningham	Min
18 Keyshawn Johnson	NYJ
19 Robert Smith	Min
20 Drew Bledsoe	NE
21 Vinny Testaverde	NYJ
22 Mark Brunell	Jax
23 Jerome Bettis	Pit
24 Emmitt Smith	Dal
25 Garrison Hearst	SF
26 Peyton Manning	Ind
27 Ricky Williams*	NO
28 Corey Dillon	Cin
29 Antowain Smith	Buf
30 Jimmy Smith	Jax
31 Herman Moore	Det
32 Chris Chandler	Atl
33 Jake Plummer	Ari
34 Terance Mathis	Atl
35 Jerry Rice	SF
36 Eric Moulds	Buf
37 Rod Smith	Den
38 Tim Brown	Oak
39 Doug Flutie	Buf
40 Brad Johnson	Wash
41 Skip Hicks	Wash
42 Rob Moore	Ari
43 O.J. McDuffie	Mia
44 Troy Aikman	Dal
45 Michael Irvin	Dal
46 Wayne Chrebet	NYJ
47 Steve McNair	Tenn
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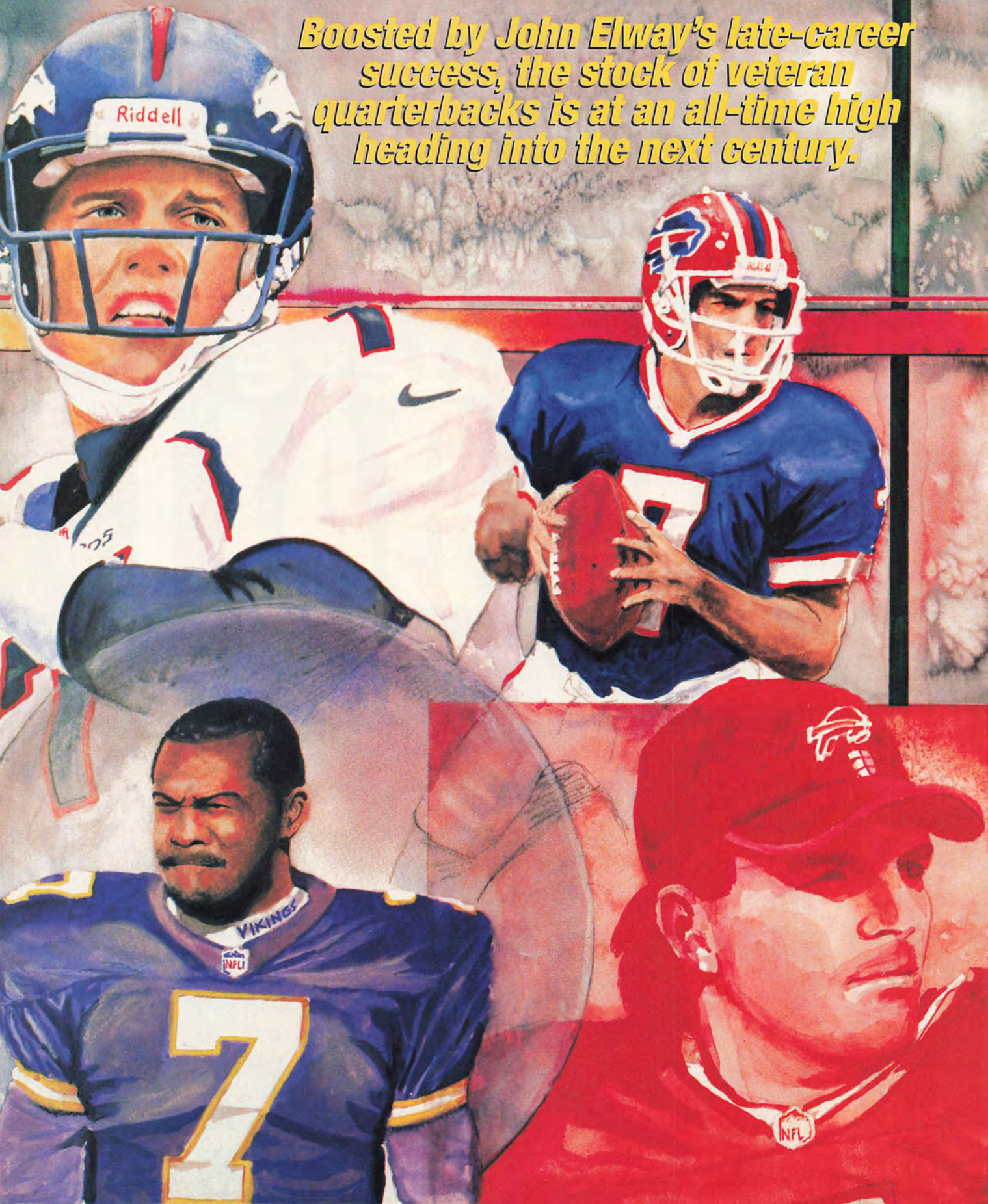
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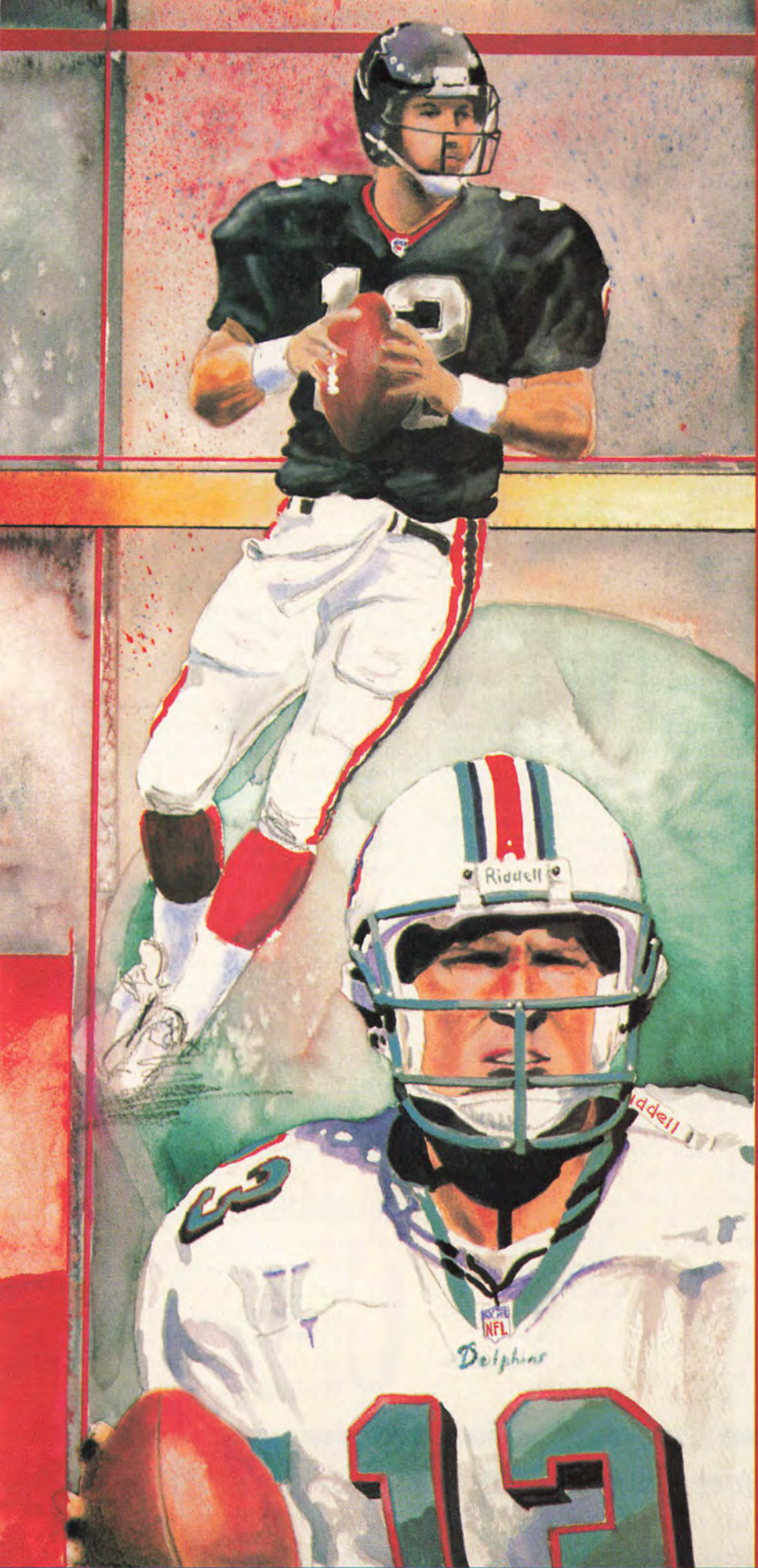
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Boosted by John Elway's late-career success, the stock of veteran quarterbacks is at an all-time high heading into the next century.





OLD HANDS

by Larry Felser, *Buffalo News*

Illustrations by Greg Ogburn

A few winters ago, Chris Chandler, a scratch golfer, was having a dynamite day on a Palm Springs course except for one little problem: The foursome ahead of him was agonizingly slow.

After a crushing drive, Chandler, with visions of a birdie dancing in his head, was dying to hit his approach shot, but the golfers ahead of him daltied endlessly on the green.

Chandler kept getting out of his cart and taking practice swing after practice swing. The cart driver, his father-in-law,

observed his impatience. Finally, he told Chandler to "get back in the cart, relax and visualize the next shot because right now you can't do anything about these guys."

"You have a tendency to allow the situation to take over for you, which you do on the football field at times."

Since Chandler's father-in-law is John Brodie, who played quarterback 17 years for the San Francisco 49ers, he took the advice to heart. Brodie, also a former member of the Senior PGA Tour, was one of the major reasons Chandler was finding NFL success at last with his sixth team. Last season, at age 33, Chandler led the Atlanta Falcons to the Super Bowl. In 32 previous seasons, the franchise had never come close to

the ultimate game.

Chandler symbolizes the era of the vintage quarterback. Experienced quarterbacks, even if they are at an advanced age, are now among the most valuable commodities in pro football. In an NFL era in which acquiring winning quarterbacks is a spin of the lottery wheel, whether it's by the college draft or free agency, veterans with just the right amount of patina on their track records have become a life-saving answer for several teams.

Minnesota went to the last tick of the clock in the NFC championship game last season with 35-year-old Randall Cunningham at quarterback. Denver's John Elway was the poster boy for Super Bowl frustration when he was younger, but he won his second in a row last January at age 38. At 39, Elway would have had a good shot at a third if bad knees had not forced him to announce his retirement in May. His success has given inspiration to a generation of quarterbacks who perhaps believed they were already over the hill.

Buffalo made the most dramatic turnaround in the AFC, not only converting its won-lost record (6-10 to 10-6), but even more remarkably doing it after losing its first three games. The catalyst was 36-year-old Canadian Football League refugee Doug Flutie, who became the starting quarterback four games into the season.

The Jets were a 1-15 corpse in 1996 before Bill Parcells assumed command. Their improvement was startling. There was a 9-7 record in Parcells' first season, but the coach knew that if his team were to become a contender he needed a better quarterback. Vinny Testaverde, then 34, was hanging around free agency like an unwanted item on the third day of

At 33, Chandler led the Falcons to the Super Bowl, showing a unique toughness that few knew he had.



a garage sale. The Jets picked him up just before they opened their training camp. Less than six months later, Testaverde passed them to the AFC championship game.

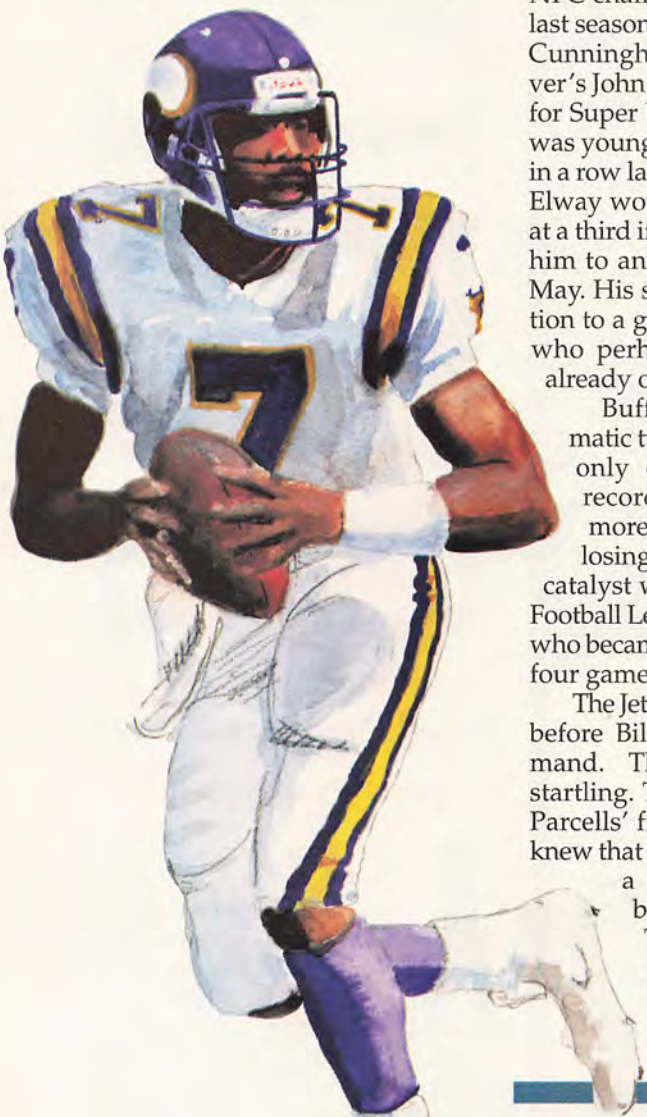
In the hectically competitive AFC East, the Miami offense was foundering, and with it the Dolphins' chances to make the playoffs. Jimmy Johnson, their coach, insisted the way to succeed was his way: a conservative, ground-oriented attack that put victory in the hands of his speedy defense.

When Johnson finally conceded that his plan wasn't working, he allowed the Dolphins to survive the way they had survived for most of the previous 15 seasons—by allowing 37-year-old Dan Marino to be Dan Marino. It worked.

In San Francisco, the 49ers were a crumbling team but through his sheer will and leadership, 37-year-old Steve Young pushed them further than they probably deserved to go.

No substitute for experience

Call it wisdom, savvy, battle-tested or any other description you can think of, vintage quarterbacks led their teams to seven of the 12 playoff berths last season, with Chandler and Elway going all the way to



Three years ago, Minnesota's Cunningham was out of football entirely, laying bathroom tile for his home-improvement business in Las Vegas.

Super Bowl XXXIII.

"It's the old story," says Brian Billick, the Baltimore Ravens' new head coach. "There is no substitute for experience."

Billick, as the Vikings' offensive coordinator, oversaw Cunningham's transformation from the "me-me" quarterback he was in Philadelphia to the team-oriented ringmaster of the highest-scoring offense in NFL history in Minnesota.

"Often it's a question of which team and what sort of offense the veteran quarterback gets to play," Billick says. "When Brad Johnson got hurt and Randall had to be our starter, we were accustomed to making that sort of change. When Jim McMahon got hurt, we had gone to Sean Salisbury. When Warren Moon got hurt, we had gone to Brad."

A year before he returned to football as the Vikings' backup in 1997, Cunningham was laying bathroom tile in Las Vegas, where he owns his own business. The layoff gave him a different outlook on football. "That, and his religion," says Billick.

With Chandler, it was a matter of his growing self-esteem. When he was a rookie in Indianapolis in 1988, he was the youngest starting quarterback in the NFL. But it wasn't long before he acquired the reputation as "just good enough to get you beat." NFL coaches began to look at him as a "bridge" quarterback, someone to keep the team respectable while the quarterback they really wanted in the



Elway blazed a trail for other 30-something QBs.

huddle was developing.

That was the case with the Houston Oilers, when Steve McNair was drafted No. 1 in 1995 with the idea that he was the key to the franchise's new future in Nashville. Chandler still remembers, bitterly, that the week after he was named NFL offensive player of the week management handed out posters of McNair as the fans came through the turnstiles.

What changed his outlook was his former quarterback coach with the Rams and Houston, Jerry Rhome. Rhome made him believe what Brodie had been telling him: "You're as good as anyone."

In 1996, his last season in Houston, Chandler started 12 games and threw 16 touchdown passes, 10 on third down. Shortly afterward he was traded to Atlanta. After he began what turned out to be a Pro Bowl season, Dan Reeves, the Falcons' new coach, admitted, "I didn't know he was as good as he is."

Chandler and Cunningham felt their time would come. Flutie thought his second chance would never come.

Flutie takes flight at 36

Flutie spent what amounted to an eight-year exile in the CFL, where he won the most valuable player award six times. Nevertheless, he was seen by most NFL talent appraisers as "just too small

at 5-10 ... he won't be able to see over the big NFL linemen."

The lone exception among the scouts was A.J. Smith, pro personnel director for the Bills. Toronto is just a two-hour drive from Buffalo, the Tiger-Cats of Hamilton an hour, so Smith saw a lot of Flutie playing in the CFL. "I'd been convinced for several years that Doug could play in the NFL," recalls Smith.

Buffalo invested \$25 million plus first- and fourth-round draft choices to acquire Rob Johnson, Jacksonville's promising young quarterback, and he started the season for the Bills. Johnson passed them to victory over the 49ers, but on the first series of the next game he suffered an injury to his ribs, which made Flutie No. 1.

Demonstrating not only great athletic ability but a startling presence of mind, Flutie supervised victories in six of the next seven games. What helped erase his height disadvantage were tactics devised by offensive coordinator Joe Pendry and offensive line coach Carl Mauch. With Johnson at

You're not getting older, you're getting better

These thirty-something quarterbacks led their teams to the playoffs last season:

Player	Team	Age
John Elway*	Denver	38
Dan Marino	Miami	37
R. Cunningham	Minnesota	36
Doug Flutie	Buffalo	36
V. Testaverde	N.Y. Jets	35
Chris Chandler	Atlanta	33

**retired*

quarterback, Pendry used a conventional offense, installing Pro Bowl full-back Sam Gash to lead the way for big running back Antowain Smith. With Flutie in the game, Pendry broadened the offense, using far more five-receiver sets and, for the first time all season, spread formations. To give Flutie better sight lines, Mauch had his linemen use a quarter-turn on their pass blocking, creating lanes of vision.

There was more to it than mere ability or tactics. The Sunday Buffalo



Increasingly complicated defenses have made veteran QBs like Cunningham a valuable entity in today's NFL.

upset Jacksonville on Flutie's last-minute bootleg, the security guards at Wilson Stadium were about to lock the gates when they heard a clamor down on the playing field. When they investigated, they found Flutie, his brother and ex-teammate, Darren, along with a bunch of buddies playing touch football. Doug had returned to the dressing room to retrieve his jacket and decided he hadn't had enough football for the day.

That gym-rat attitude was infectious among his Buffalo colleagues.

Testaverde had the right size, the powerful arm and almost every other physical asset. His problem in the past was a lack of confidence and a sorrowful tendency to commit the big error, which produced the track record of an also-ran. What he needed most was a psychological lift. In New York with the Jets, he got one: Bill Parcells.

With Parcells, football life was simplified for Testaverde. With Parcells, the coach does the brainstorming and the quarterbacks follow orders. "He makes everyone a better player," admits Testaverde, who led the AFC with a passer rating of 101.6. His 29 touchdown passes also led the conference. More impressively, considering his past lack of confidence, the man who threw 183 interceptions in his first 11 pro seasons had the lowest interception percentage (1.7) among full-time AFC starters.

In two games against Buffalo and Flutie—games that decided the AFC East in favor of the Jets—Testaverde

was virtually flawless in maintaining a steely composure as he supervised the victories.

A tale of two supporting casts

Last season, Elway didn't sprint out of trouble for the vital first downs that keep drives going like he once did. He didn't do a lot of the amazing things he once did. But he was armed with help, mostly in the person of Terrell Davis, the NFL's most prolific ground-gainer. Elway didn't have to save games all by himself as he once did.

The other end of the Great Quarterback Draft of 1983—Elway was the first picked and Marino the last of the first round that year—hasn't had the luxury of a similar cast. But Marino saved the Dolphins' bacon at midseason after they lost three consecutive road games. Johnson had not prepared for a team that would need to unleash Marino in order to make the playoffs. Before the draft, sensational receiver Randy Moss seemed like the sort of risky superstar-in-embryo that J.J. used to love to gamble on. Not only did Johnson avoid Moss, he brought in no helpful receiver for Marino. Oronde Gadsden, an Arena League graduate, ended up as a starter. Halfway through the season, O.J. McDuffie, Marino's best collaborator, hadn't caught a touchdown pass.

Marino, by dinking and dunking his way downfield to slower receivers, backs and tight ends, still managed to prevail. When Denver came to Miami late in the season for a rare Elway-Marino matchup, Dan was an easy winner. He'll turn 38 a few days after the opening game, but he remains the best Miami has to offer. In fact, the vintage quarterbacks as a class are

the best the NFL has to offer period. It is the rare college quarterback who gets to prepare himself for the future by calling even a handful of plays, so they come into the pros unpolished.

"NFL defenses are so complicat-

After an eight-year exile in Canada, 36-year-old Flutie came back to the States and made football fun again in Buffalo.



Despite the best-laid plans of his coach, Dan Marino carried the Dolphins to the playoffs last season on the strength of his arm.

ed these days that it takes about five years to develop a quarterback," says Billick, "and by that time they may sign with some other team."

So the old guys watch their diet, sweat through workouts and make use of advanced conditioning techniques to beat the calendar. Steve DeBerg wants to play another year at age 45. After leading Seattle last season, free agent Warren Moon signed on with Kansas City for another NFL tour of duty at age 42. He received a two-year contract.

Not all aging quarterbacks pamper their bodies. Last year at his annual charity golf tournament in Buffalo, retired Bills quarterback Jim Kelly teased Marino about his expanding middle. "Don't pay any attention to that," responded Marino, "as long as I've still got this." He raised his right arm.

Then there is the money. Lots of it. Multi-million dollar contracts assure that the best of the vintage quarterbacks never have to work a day in their post-football lives.

"I know they all say the same thing when they reach that advanced age," Billick says. "Please, Lord, just give me one more year!" ■

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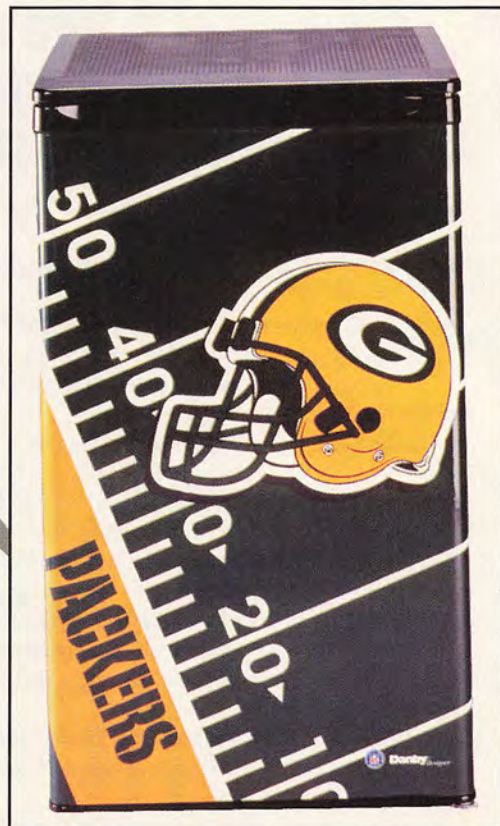
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One writer's two cents on NFL '99 and what the season may have in store.

By Don Pierson, *Chicago Tribune*

Replay is back and nobody likes the idea better than the Denver Broncos.

They want a replay of the last two seasons. An unprecedented Super Bowl three-peat will provide "indisputable visual evidence" that coach Mike Shanahan's team is one of the best ever.

Replay is big in Cleveland, where the Browns are back after a three-year huddle to reorganize. They return disguised as the old San Francisco 49ers, which is fine with Ohio fans eager to see how well dog biscuits go with wine and cheese.

Replay is welcome in Minnesota, where the Vikings are coming off a 15-1 season. Upon further review, maybe they can wipe out the memory of their NFC title-game loss to Atlanta.

In Atlanta, replay confirms what happened, but it will have to be replayed more than once before anybody really believes what they saw.

Replay erases Vinny Testaverde's touchdown against the Seattle Seahawks, but the New York Jets hope it keeps repeating the rest of Testaverde's best season ever.

Terrell Davis and Jamal Anderson and Randall Cunningham and Doug Flutie and Randy Moss all vote for replay. Kordell Stewart and Kerry Collins and Ryan Leaf and Dick Vermeil and the Kansas City Chiefs and the New York Giants are looking for reversals.

The NFL ends the 20th century coming off its highest-paid attendance ever—19,741,493—each of them with no more reason to yell at referees.



WHO SAID THEY WERE

FREE?

△ CHAD BRATZKE hit the free agent jackpot—\$30 million, six years—from the Indianapolis Colts. Just think if he had been the best defensive end on his old New York Giants team. That spot was already claimed by Michael Strahan.

ADAM TIMMERMAN got \$18.8 million over five years to play guard for the St. Louis Rams. Adam Timmerman?

GARY WALKER got \$18 million over five years to play defensive line for the Jacksonville Jaguars. Gary Walker?

COREY FULLER got \$20.6 million over five years to play cornerback for the Cleveland Browns. Corey Fuller?

DALE CARTER got \$34.8 million over six years to play cornerback for the Denver Broncos. Smart team, those Broncos.

REMINDER: none of the aforementioned players is likely ever to see all the money. Unlike baseball and basketball contracts, football contracts are not guaranteed.

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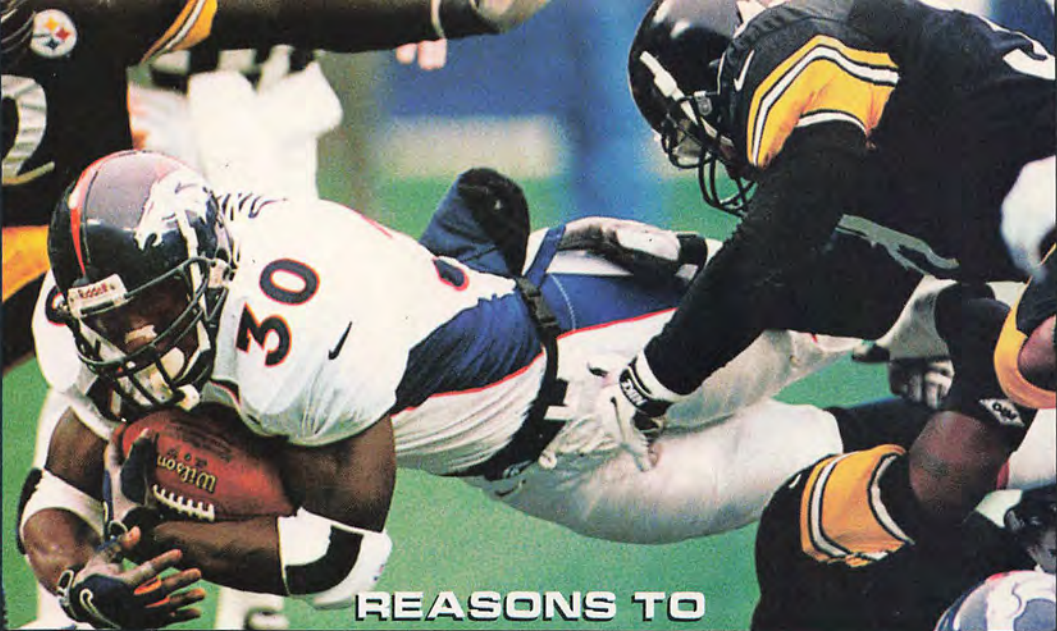
TED WASHINGTON
Buffalo

WARREN SAPP▷
Tampa Bay

After watching Gilbert Brown, both thought they could carry more weight. Turns out they could barely carry their own. Slim-Fast to the rescue.



THIS PAGE, LEFT TO RIGHT: BRUCE SWARTZMAN; JOE ROBBINS
NEXT PAGE, TOP TO BOTTOM: SCOTT D'ERICO; BRUCE SWARTZMAN; AL MESSERSCHMIDT



REASONS TO

WATCH

TERRELL DAVIS Δ

Denver's "TD" goes for a record fourth consecutive 1,500-yard season. He joined Sanders (1994-97) with his third on his way to 2,008 yards. That put him third on the all-time one-season list behind Eric Dickerson (2,105) and Sanders (2,053).

BARRY SANDERS Δ

With a LESS than average season, Sanders can surpass Walter Payton's all-time rushing record of 16,726 yards. Detroit's great runner is "only" 1,457 yards behind. Over his 10-year career, Sanders has averaged 1,526 yards. Sanders also needs only two more 100-yard games to pass Payton's record of 76.

RANDY MOSS

The Vikings' rookie led the league with 17 receiving touchdowns and broke the

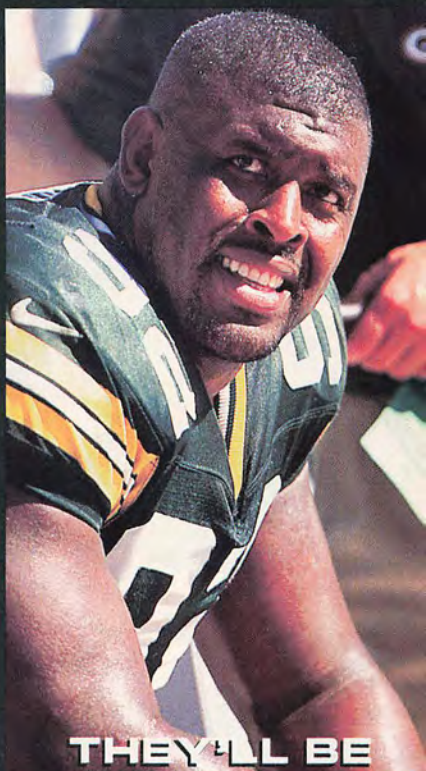


NFL rookie record of 13 shared by Green Bay's Billy Howton (1952) and San Diego's John Jefferson (1979). His promise to "tear up the league" now comes with the challenging demand of an encore.

THE BRONCOS

They want to party like it's 1999. A three-peat during the Super Bowl era of increased playoff teams was missed by the

1992-93 Dallas Cowboys, the 1988-89 San Francisco 49ers, the 1978-79 and 1974-75 Pittsburgh Steelers, the 1972-73 Miami Dolphins and the 1966-67 Green Bay Packers. The Packers won the first two Super Bowls after winning the NFL title in 1965, before the expanded postseason. Those Packers and the 1929-31 Packers (when there was no playoff tournament) were the only three-peat champions in NFL history.



THEY'LL BE

Δ REGGIE WHITE

Not everybody will miss him. He shoved offensive linemen around and overused his bully pulpit, but nobody ever played defensive line any better.

JERRY MARKBREIT

Too bad his last year as a referee was marred by so much controversy around him. As usual, he leaves unscathed.

TED MARCHIBRODA

How he survived so long without a trace of bitterness is a mystery worth remembering and studying.

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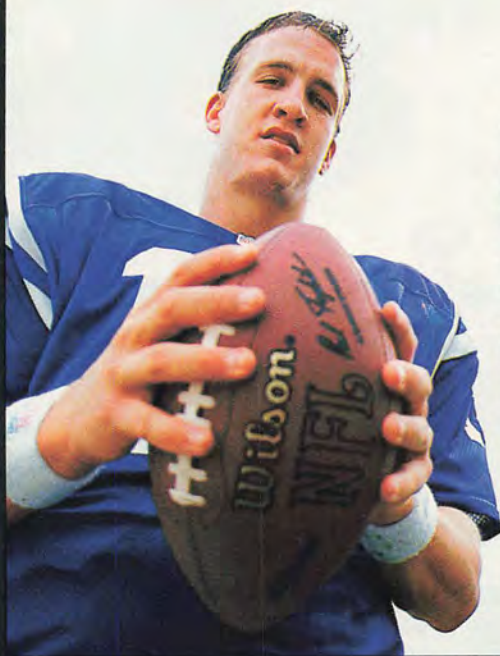
<MICHAEL IRVIN
One touchdown catch couldn't be entirely the fault of double coverage, could it? Cowboys need help.

STEVE ATWATER
Denver saw the end of safety's career. Jets hope to salvage something.

WARREN MOON
Still throws a nice ball. Too bad there isn't a senior circuit.

NEIL SMITH
He's won two Super Bowl rings with Denver now that his best years are behind him.

DAVE KRIEG
He's 40 and finished. No, wait. He's still not as old as Warren Moon or Steve DeBerg.



PLAYERS ON THE

PEYTON MANNING Δ
Indianapolis
He got better by the minute. It wasn't in time to save a 3-13 team or prevent a league-high 28 interceptions, but watch out below.

LA'ROI GLOVER
New Orleans
The best defensive lineman you never heard of.

TERRELL OWENS
San Francisco
Nobody in history is better

than Jerry Rice, but Owens is better than Rice on his own team at the moment.

JASON TAYLOR
Miami
When this quick pass rusher got hurt down the stretch, the Dolphins were doomed.

CHARLES WOODSON
Oakland
Let's see. The Raiders were 30th on defense before he came and fifth after his rookie year. And this is all coaching?

CHAMP BAILEY ∇

The "next" Deion Sanders and Charles Woodson. He can make a difference either catching passes or knocking them down.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



HERMAN MOORE \triangleright

Detroit
\$4.369 million a year? Does that mean Barry Sanders makes \$5 million a game?

HUGH DOUGLAS
Philadelphia
He got 12 1/2 sacks and \$5.7 million and his team won three games.

GILBERT BROWN
Green Bay
Once upon a time, Brown was The Bomb among run-stuffing defensive linemen. Now that he makes \$2.8 million, he mainly stuffs himself.

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OVER RATED

CHRIS DOLEMAN

He got 15 sacks for the 49ers last year, proving sacks aren't everything.

KEVIN GREENE

He got 15 sacks for the Panthers last year, proving sacks aren't everything.

△ RAGHIB ISMAIL

He finally had a good season, but he looked more like a flash-in-the-pan than a real rocket.

DESMOND HOWARD

Is he still in the league? Didn't he used to play for Green Bay? Wasn't he a Super Bowl MVP?

CHESTER MCGLOCKTON

If he's so good, how come the teams he plays on are so bad?

ISAAC BRUCE

He has more injuries than catches.

NEIL O'DONNELL

How he moved up from 19th to 16th on the all-time passing-efficiency list after losing two jobs last year is beyond explanation.

SEAN GILBERT

For a \$46 million contract, six sacks just don't add up.

Blame it on Randall Cunningham, Doug Flutie and Vinny Testaverde. Three unlikely and inspiring comeback seasons by old and apparently washed up quarterbacks changed thinking all around a league begging for more production at the most important position.

"It opens up your eyes, there's not any question about that," says Oakland Raiders coach Jon Gruden.

So Gruden dumped 31-year-old Jeff George and signed 33-year-old Rich Gannon. He re-signed 40-year-old Wade Wilson.

So that's George's problem. He's too young, too inexperienced. He's been around for only nine years. Give him time.

Gannon and Wilson used to play together in Minnesota, but the Vikings gave up on Wilson in 1991 and Gannon in 1992. Impatient.

SCOTT MITCHELL, 31, is going from Detroit to Baltimore. The Lions gave him only five years. The Ravens figure he's finally ripe.

JIM HARBAUGH, 35, went from Baltimore to San Diego. The Chargers spent a fortune for rookie Ryan Leaf last year and got nothing but trouble in return. Sit on the bench for about 10 years, kid, and watch.

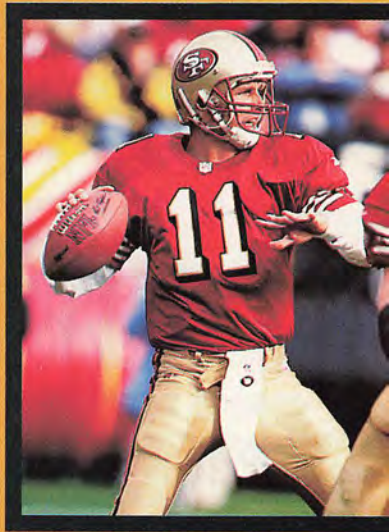
STEVE BONO, 37, has bounced from Kansas City to Green Bay to St. Louis to Carolina in the last four seasons, so he's probably ready to lead the league in passing.

TY DETMER, 31, is going to be 32 in October, even though he still looks 22. He's ready to compete with Tim Couch at Cleveland after stops in San Francisco, Philadelphia and Green Bay.

DOUG PEDERSON, 31, has never started an NFL game, which may explain why new Eagles coach Andy Reid anointed him his starter after getting him from Green Bay.

BRAD JOHNSON, 30, will be 31 the day after the season starts, so the Washington Redskins hope he's

ARE THEY NOW?



old enough to know better than youngsters Gus Frerotte and Trent Green.

All this raises the question of why John Elway, a mere 39, would even consider the idea of retirement, especially after playing a Super Bowl with 44-year-old Steve DeBerg on the opposite bench. When Elway came into the league in 1983, DeBerg was Denver's starting quarterback.

RECYCLED COACHES

MIKE HOLMGREN, SEATTLE

Vince Lombardi left Green Bay, too, so Holmgren is still following big footsteps. The ones Dennis Erickson left won't be so hard to fill. Still, Holmgren might find out that working for an owner can be stressful, especially an owner like Paul Allen, who can afford to pay a coach \$4 million a year.

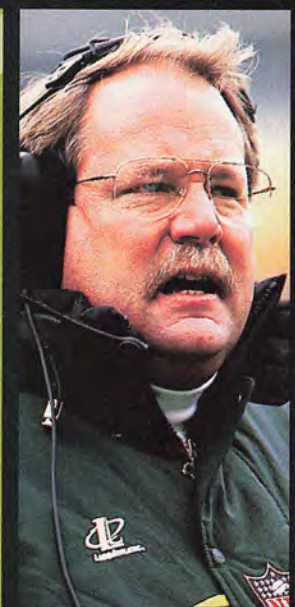
RAY RHODES, GREEN BAY

When he left Holmgren's

staff, Rhodes sounded like he would rather be in Philadelphia. Now, even the snow looks greener in Green Bay.

GEORGE SEIFERT, CAROLINA

What? He thought it was Charleston, not Charlotte? He thought there was water? That's OK. They say his boat can be quickly converted to a stock car and compete in the town's major sport.



GOING LONG



ON THE SPOT

△ JAKE PLUMMER

A \$15 million signing bonus to the quarterback of the Arizona Cardinals signaled the end of Jake's honeymoon in his adopted hometown. No longer is Plummer the young hope admired by all and forgiven for his interceptions; he is the collateral on a heavy investment. And he thought this was going to be fun.

EUGENE ROBINSON

Poor Eugene. Here is a lesson for the Denver Broncos on how hard it is to three-peat. The night before lining up for his third Super Bowl in a row, Robinson found himself in a different kind of lineup, unable to resist the temptations of the Miami streets. That indiscretion was hardly worth the struggle Robinson now faces to restore his once-impeccable image as a family man, team leader and religious spokesperson. His return of an award for high moral character presented the same morning by a Christian group was the first step in a long journey.



There are always lots of candidates. Last year, there were more than usual. **BILL PARCELLS** continues to rejuvenate the Jets. **DENNIS GREEN** survived a change of ownership to go 15-1. **DAN REEVES** survived heart surgery and took the Atlanta Falcons to the Super Bowl.

COACH OF THE YEAR

But let's hear it for **MIKE SHANAHAN** <, who has gone to the head of his class as the best coach in the NFL.

COACHES ON THE

DICK VERMEIL

When the Rams quit filling up the TWA Dome, it's the first sign of a one-way ticket out of town.

BRUCE COSLET

The Brown family is patient to a fault, but they have to sell a new stadium.

PETE CARROLL <

The Patriots keep thinking they are better than they play, a sure sign of danger for any coach.

JEFF FISHER

After finally getting into a new home, Tennessee's gypsy coach might never get the chance to feel at home.

BILL COWHER

Being the dean of AFC coaches is not exactly a guarantee of security. The Steelers are sliding.

JIMMY JOHNSON

Whenever a coach wonders whether he should be spending more time with his family, you have to keep wondering. He already hopes he hired his Dolphin successor, Dave Wannstedt.

BILL PARCELLS

He could decide he's had it

and turn over the Jets to Bill Belichick.

MIKE DITKA

If the Saints don't make the playoffs, look for Ditka to consider hanging it up.

JIM FASSELL

The Giants are putting a lot of eggs in Kerry Collins' basket after a disappointing slump.

NORV TURNER

Stuck in the middle of the Redskins' ownership dispute, Turner needs a playoff appearance to stick around no matter who owns the team.

BOBBY ROSS

The Lions are more patient with their coaches than Ross seems to be with the Lions. Just ask Scott Mitchell.



NEW COACHES

MIKE RILEY, San Diego: Anybody with guts enough to work at Oregon State must love the challenge of rehabbing Ryan Leaf, who became a faster disaster than almost any highly acclaimed prospect in recent league memory.

DICK JAURON, Chicago: He was the second choice after team president Michael McCaskey botched the hiring of Arizona defensive coordinator Dave McGinnis. The fiasco left McCaskey as the former team president, so Jauron will not be working for the man who hired him. This would be less of a problem in Denver than it is in Chicago, where there have been no Pro Bowl players since 1994.

ANDY REID

Philadelphia: Anybody who can coach Brett Favre to 30 touchdown passes a season must be hot stuff. But was it Packers quarterback coach Reid or offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis or head coach Mike Holmgren? Or maybe Favre had more to do with it than anybody knows. Reid brought along perennial backup Doug Pederson to help him find out.

CHRIS PALMER

Cleveland: Drew Bledsoe liked him in New England. Mark Brunell liked him in Jacksonville. Bernie Kosar likes him in Cleveland. By the way, why doesn't Kosar come back? He's only 35.

BRIAN BILLICK

Baltimore: He liked Art Modell better than he liked Cleveland. As Minnesota's offensive coordinator, Billlick helped the Vikings to a record 556 points, which add up to zero Brownie points. Billlick's first trip to Lake Erie could be choppy.

THIS PAGE, LEFT TO RIGHT: AL MESSERSCHMIDT (2); JEFF CARLICK
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These are the best football players in the NFL:

TERRELL DAVIS: He does more for Denver's offense than Barry Sanders does for Detroit's.

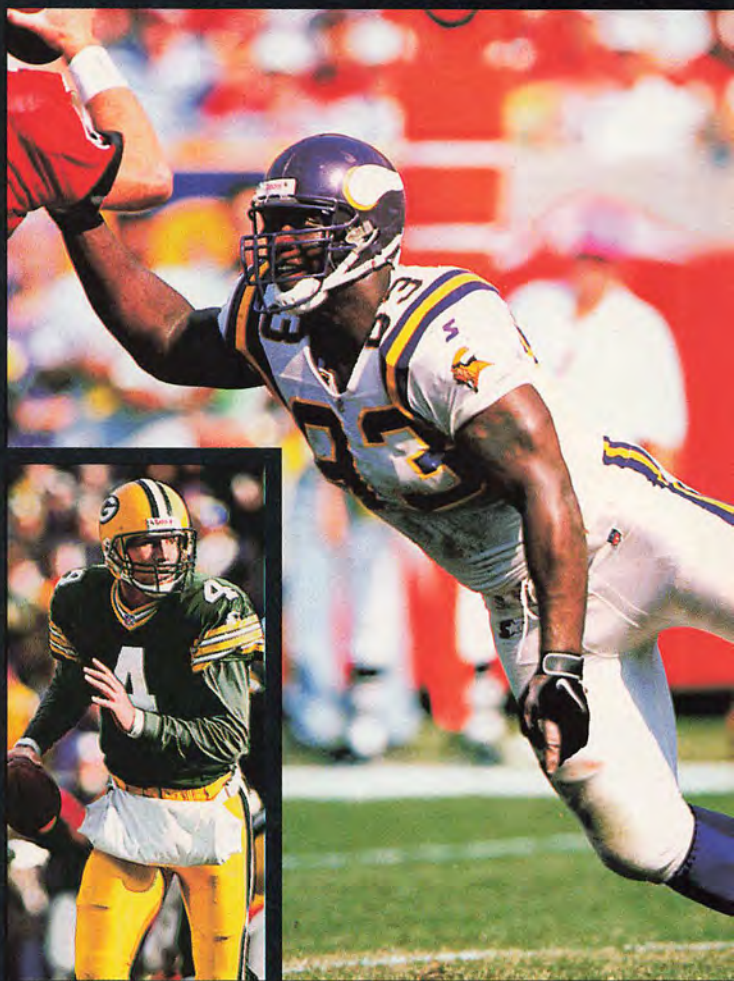
DEION SANDERS: Needs to reduce injuries, but still the most dangerous kick returner and best cornerback.

TONY BOSELLI: The best blocker in the game.

RANDY MOSS Δ : Minnesota's record-breaking offense revolves around the scariest deep threat since Bob Hayes.

JOHN RANDLE ∇ : He played out of position at end for most of last season for Minnesota. When he's at tackle, he keeps offensive linemen awake at night.

BRETT FAVRE \triangleright : Finished 10th among passers last year, but now has record five consecutive 30-touchdown seasons. Line up all the quarterbacks. Whom do you want to win a game for you?



THE DIFFERENCE

MAKERS



Not all the new quarterbacks have reached the age of maturity. Anybody under 30 can't be trusted.

\triangleleft **KERRY COLLINS**, 26, wasn't sure he wanted to be the man in Carolina, acted like he was darn sure he didn't want to be in New Orleans, and ends up as the savior of the New York Giants? This is a giant leap of faith for Gotham City. If Collins can fail anywhere, he can certainly fail there.

TONY BANKS, 26, responded to Dick Vermeil's unwavering support by deciding he didn't want to accompany the Rams back to St. Louis for film study after a game. Bye-bye, Tony.

TRENT GREEN, 29, was so outstanding in his first extended chance in Washington that St. Louis signed him to a \$16.5 million contract in hopes he's no flash-in-the-pan.

JEFF LEWIS, 26, was a possible heir apparent in Denver until he wrecked a knee playing basketball. That was good enough for Carolina, which is partial to roundball anyway.

DANNY KANELL, 25, got a short shot in New York before quarterback guru Jim Fassel gave up. Kanell landed in Atlanta, where he hopes to replace Steve DeBerg in 20 years. ■

ON



Play It Again, Ref

Banished since 1991, instant replay makes its return to the NFL this season. But is it enough to shield league officials from increasingly vocal criticism?

By Larry Weisman
USA TODAY

They're critiqued, criticized, hassled and harassed, judged even as they judge. They're not only asked to do the impossible but to do it perfectly, every time.

They can only be grateful they must meet this standard once a week and not in everything they attempt in life.

No one thinks NFL field officials have an easy job. But that doesn't stop a single player, coach, fan or broadcaster from demanding unflagging (pardon the pun) accuracy in every NFL game.

Debates about officiating go back as far as football itself. Rare is the team that cannot look to some game in its past and find an instance where a call that could have gone one way went the other, with disastrous results. Unfortunately for the

NFL and its officials, the 1998 season will be remembered for too much that went wrong.

From controversial coin flips to phantom fumbles to touchdowns that weren't, the NFL's image took a weekly and very public beating last season because of game-turning botches. So much so that instant replay, banished since 1991, makes its heralded return for the campaign ahead as a tool to correct the most grievous errors.

It's easy to say officiating is terrible. It's also not true. But as plays and players cover more ground and the rule book grows ever thicker, officiating crews find their ability to make snap judgments subject to ever more scrutiny. And while it's

wonderful they make so many calls so well, the disputed decisions dominate the landscape.

"It was a tough year for big plays," says Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green. "And that's what instant replay is going to try to take care of—a big play."

It's a start. Remember when Seattle stopped New York Jets quarterback Vinny Testaverde short of the goal line, only to

see the head linesman signaling touchdown? Replay could fix that, assuming the camera can determine the plane of the goal line and then clearly show whether a helmet or a football has crossed into the promised land. That play changed the outcome of a game, boxed the Seahawks out of the playoffs and sealed the firing of coach Dennis Erickson.

Replay, 1999 style

The 1999 replay system, approved by NFL owners in March for this year only, allows coaches two challenges per game of calls, at the cost of a timeout each. If their challenge is upheld by the referee, after his review of the replay on a field-level monitor, the timeout is restored. In the final two minutes of the first half and the game,

a replay assistant in the press box will make those calls and ask the referee for the review.

Replay will cover plays governed by the sideline, goal line, end zone and end line; scoring plays, completions/interceptions, runners in and out of bounds, even the number of players on the field. Even in this limited form, its advocates expect replay to counter the questionable call at a critical time.

"We are implementing this system to correct the major, major, big mistake," says Mike Holmgren, Seattle's new coach and co-chairman of the league's competition committee. "Human error happens. But we think this system gives us the best chance of correcting it."

Nothing, however, will eliminate the second-guessing of officials. Not every bad call can be reversed. For

one, coaches may use those challenges sparingly, not wanting to risk the timeout. Nor will every replay yield the necessary "indisputable visual evidence" for the referee to overturn the play. And the very nature of the game, with 22 large human beings colliding and scrambling about, makes the pursuit of perfection a thankless one for the officials.

"The game has changed dramatically," says Jerry Seeman, the NFL's supervisor of officials. "Back when I came in the league (as a referee) in 1975, we had more of a running game and it was easier to officiate. This is a passing game, with more quick, difficult judgments to make. Now, we can't be perfect out there. But officiating is better than it has ever been. I've been around the game and on the field. Our accuracy is very good, over 96% on the flags we throw. And that's pretty good."

In a season with more than 37,000 plays, the league office's breakdown showed 77 that could have been reversed by instant replay—provided the camera angle lent itself to that decision and the replay official called it correctly. That's 77 in 240 games, or less than one in every three games.

In last year's playoffs, only one of 1,750 calls in 11 postseason games was missed, Seeman says. That was the fumble by San Francisco's Jerry Rice against the Green Bay Packers. A whistle stopped the play and took the recovery away from the Packers, and the 49ers scored the game-winning touchdown on the next play. So, 1,749 calls sit on one side of the balance and one huge miss weighs down the other side. And it is the kind of call, with a whistle involved, that replay could not repair. Thus, the dilemma.

"The game is so fast for the officials," says New York Giants coach Jim Fassel. "Most of their calls are correct, but when you get one like in the Jets' game, it changes the outcome."

Because it is so ingrained to blame the officials for everything, improvements in the officiating system—replay aside—get overlooked. Nothing but perfection will satisfy the critics.

George Young, the NFL's senior vice president for football operations, remembers the dialogues too well. A few years ago, he says, the league got toasted because its officials were too old. The league began bringing in

What do they make?

Here's what officials in three major sports are paid:

NFL.....\$1,500-\$4,000 per game
MLB.....\$70,000-\$225,000 per year
NBA.....\$79,000-\$265,000 per year





fresh bodies and eyes and then got ripped for having officials who were too young and inexperienced.

Nowhere to hide

Unlike sports where play is continuous, football operates from scrimmage every 35 to 45 seconds. That leaves plenty of time for TV's busybodies to examine the doings of every player on the field and to note myriad "missed opportunities" for penalties. What, no holding? Hey, the nose tackle was in the neutral zone. Did the left guard flinch before the snap? It never ends.

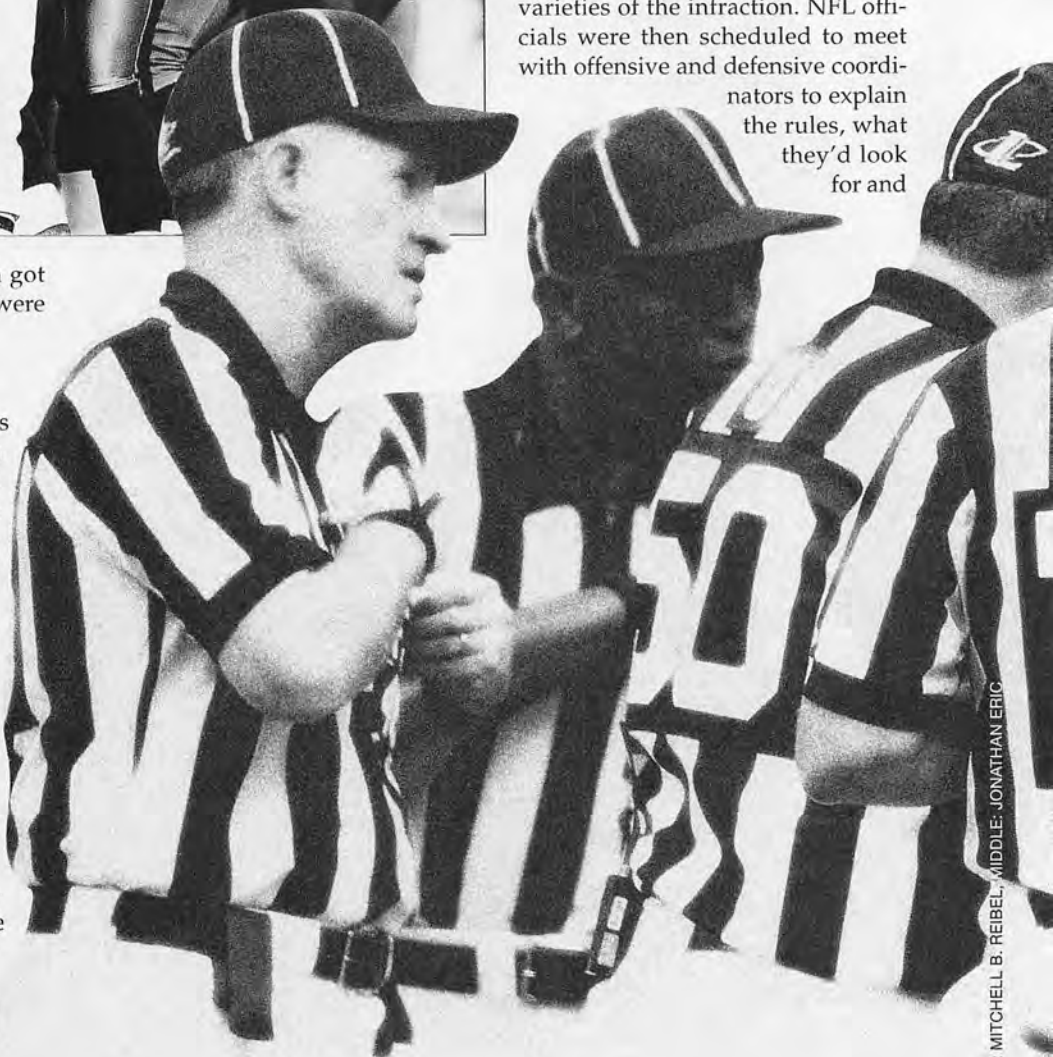
"The officiating hasn't gotten worse," says Joe Phillips, for 13 years a defensive tackle with San Diego, Kansas City and St. Louis. "The analysis of it has gotten overdone. It's crazy. Players are out there making mistakes on every play and no one says anything. Then the officials miss a call and you see it replayed 16 different ways. It's a no-win for those guys."

With the number of games televised and the availability of highlights, the NFL couldn't hide a controversial call if it wanted to. All it can do is try to improve.

That's what the competition committee set out to do last winter, polling coaches so it could best address their concerns.

"Basically, four things came out of that survey," says Tampa Bay Buccaneers general manager Rich McKay, who co-chairs the competition committee with Holmgren. "They wanted us to focus on defensive pass interference, they wanted us to focus on offensive holding, they wanted instant replay and they wanted us to look at the rulebook to clarify the way calls were being made on the field."

And that's what's happening. Replay came at the winter meeting in March. Pass interference rules were codified, broken down into seven varieties of the infraction. NFL officials were then scheduled to meet with offensive and defensive coordinators to explain the rules, what they'd look for and



LEFT: MITCHELL B. REIBEL, MIDDLE: JONATHAN ERIC

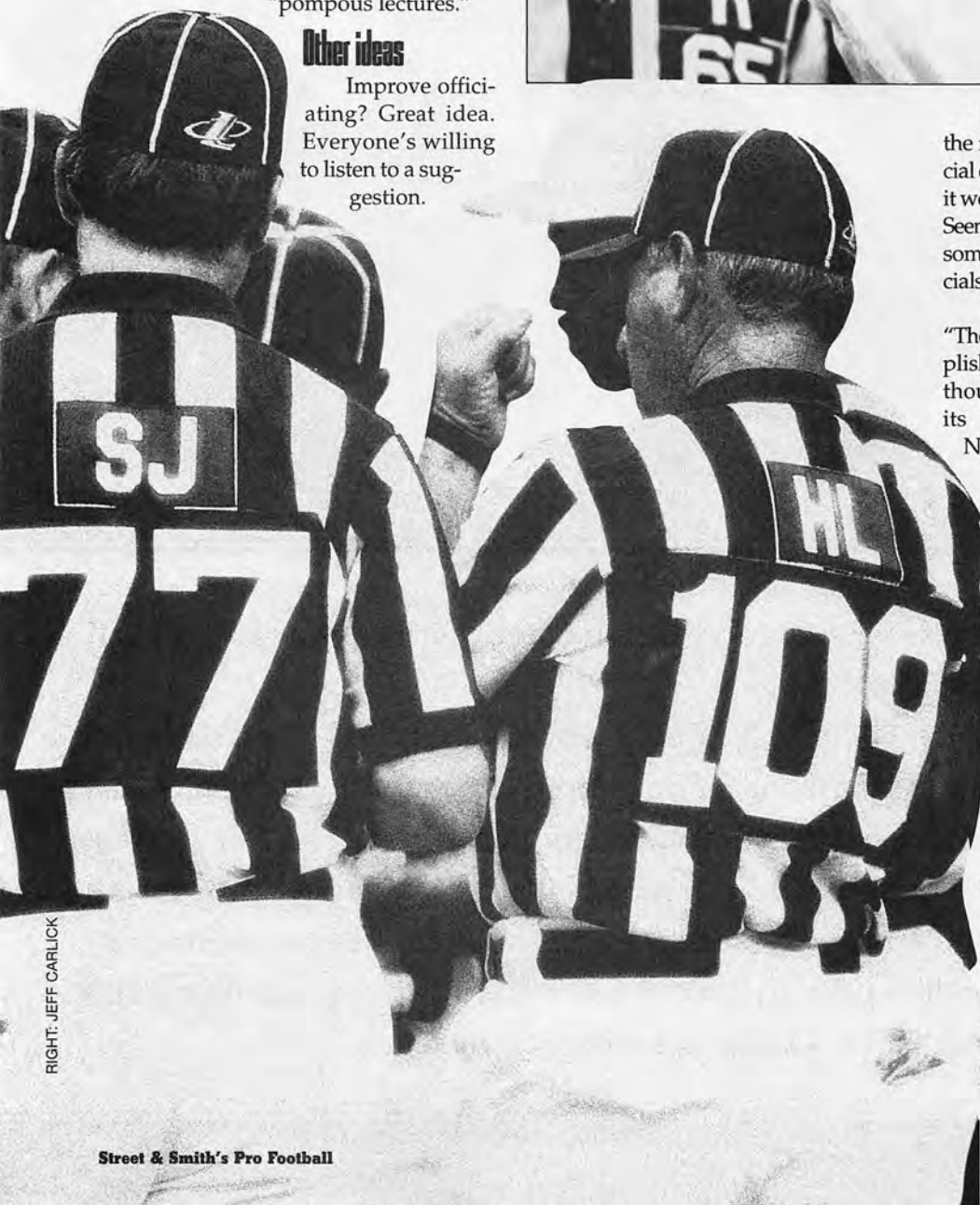
how they'd call it. Meetings with full coaching staffs would follow so that more common ground on pass interference would exist.

"It's the most difficult call to make. It always has been and it always will be," Seeman says. "Our goal is to try and improve the accuracy, the understanding and the overall communication between the officials, the coaches and the players."

Anything has to be better than the ugliness of '98. Just when the focus of that season should have been on the run to the playoffs, two of the league's senior statesmen, owners Ralph Wilson of Buffalo and William Clay Ford Sr., of Detroit, ripped the officiating. When Commissioner Paul Tagliabue threatened Wilson with a \$50,000 fine and demanded decorum, Wilson barked back about "pompous lectures."

Other ideas

Improve officiating? Great idea. Everyone's willing to listen to a suggestion.



RIGHT: JEFF CARLICK

How about putting another one on the field? "I don't think adding an official out there would help in any area. All it would do is make it more cumbersome," Seeman says. But he and his staff did add some clinic work for the downfield officials who deal with pass interference.

What about full-time officials? "There's nothing more we could accomplish than we are now," says Seeman, though the NFL gets more work for its people by having them staff NFL Europe games in the spring.

"Remember, the maximum number of games our officials would work is 20: four preseason, 15 regular season, one postseason. A baseball umpire may work 130 and a basketball official about 85. Those people do an outstanding job, but just because they are full-time does not make them immune to criticism."

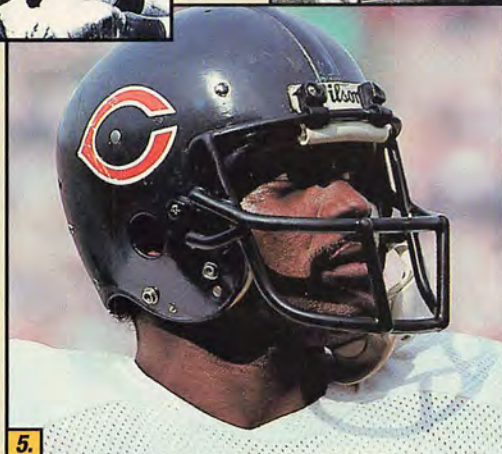
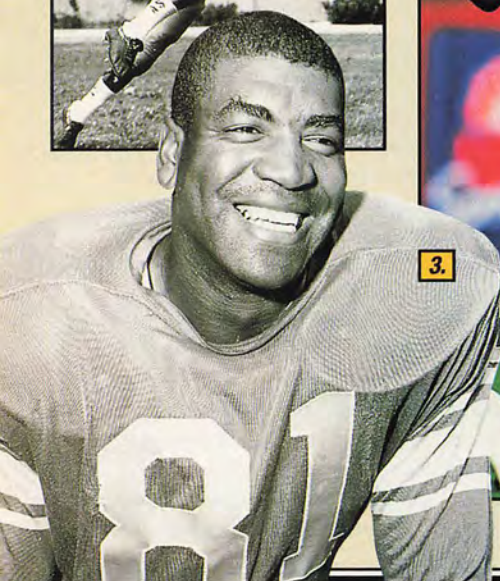
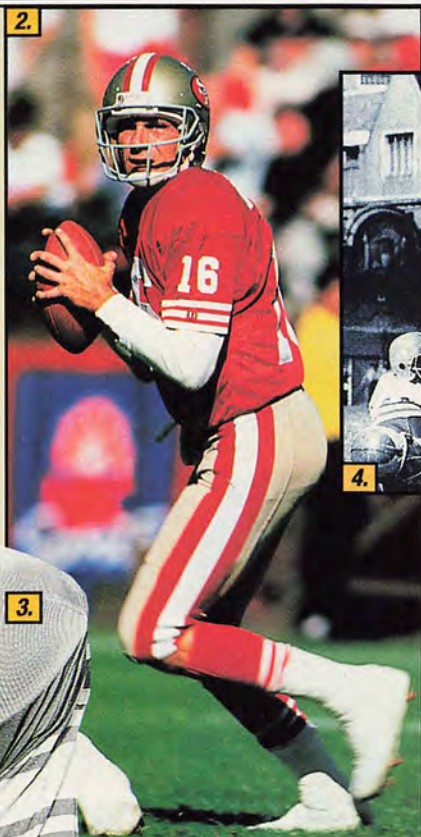
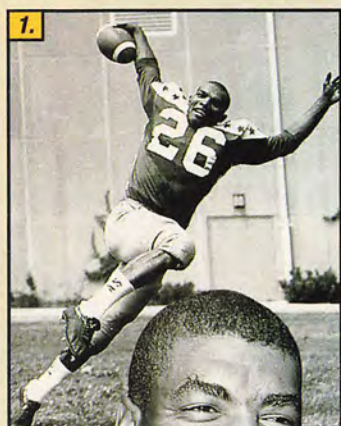
The problem, as Seeman knows, lies in expecting perfection from mere humans. It can't happen, despite the best intentions.

Merely defining solutions taxes football's best minds. Miami Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson struggled with the question of improving the officiating and came up with this: "Just get the calls right."

Would that it were so easy.

A TEAM FOR

STREET & SMITH'S ALL-TIME



The assignment was daunting: Choose *Street & Smith's* all-time, all-National Football League team.

Where to begin to cite just 22 position players, plus two kicking specialists from among the thousands of players during 79 years of NFL play. The Pro Football Hall of Fame contains 199 members, including 171 former players.

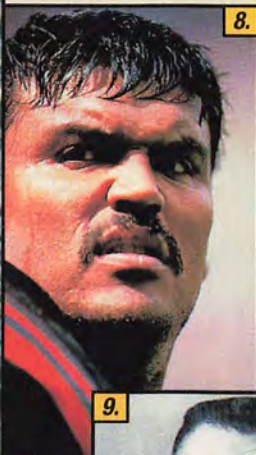
The job called for professional help. To assist us in our selections, we enlisted the current league coaches and numerous ex-coaches, active and retired players, including Hall-of-Famers, as well as officials, broadcasters and writers. In all, nearly 200 ballots were sent out, from which 153 players were nominated.

THE AGES...

ALL-NFL TEAM BY GERARD KAVANAGH



Can you name the best of the best pictured here? Answers page 43.



BACK TO THE FUTURE

The results in some cases were predictable. Take Jim Brown, the Cleveland Browns' peerless back, who led the NFL in rushing eight times and whose 5.22 yards per carry remains the standard by which all backs are measured. Almost every voter on our panel took him. Brown appeared on 86 percent of the ballots.

His running mate on this all-star team is Walter Payton, who amassed a league-record 16,726 yards in his 13 seasons with the Chicago Bears. Payton appeared on more than half of the ballots cast. Ex-Raider punter Ray Guy grabbed 88 percent of the vote.

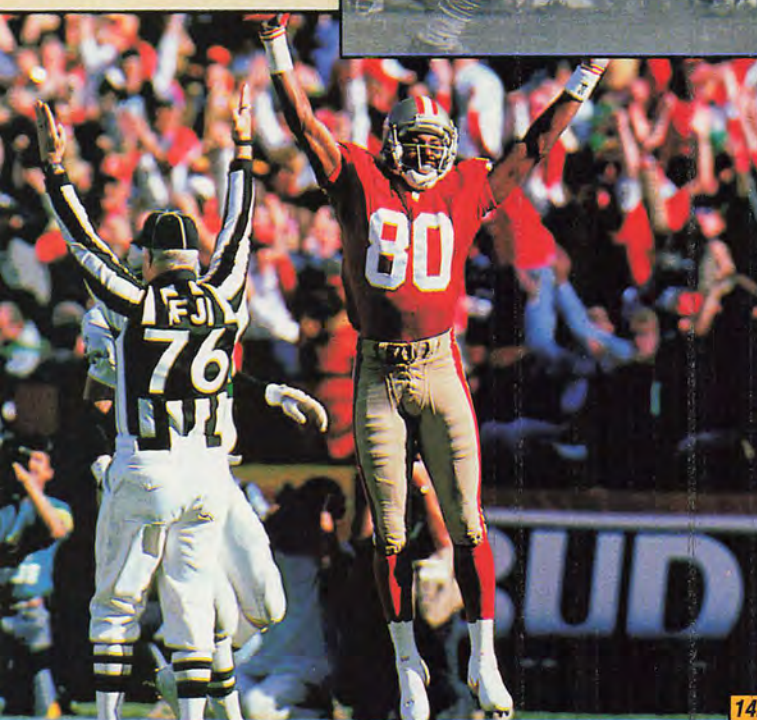
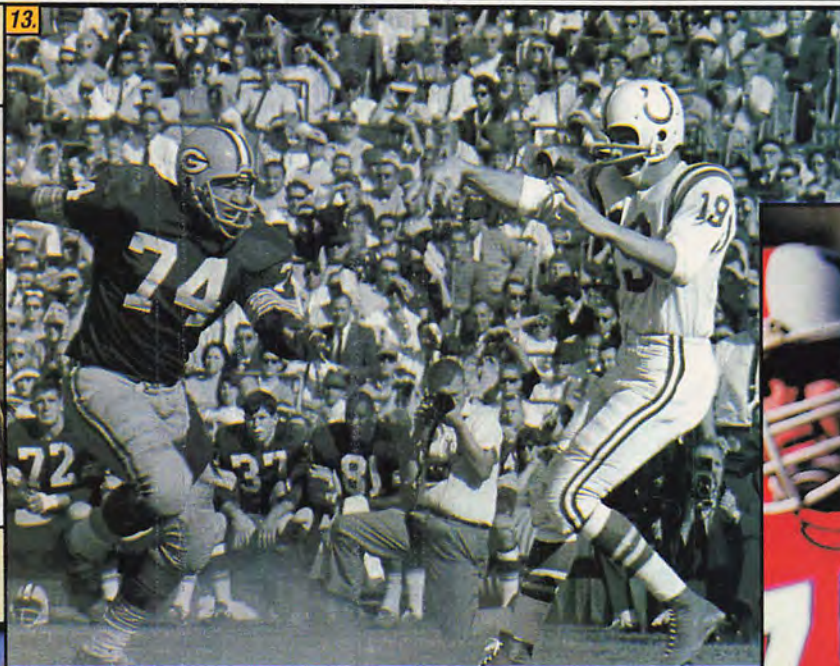
But gathering the greatest percentage of the vote at his position was wide receiver Jerry Rice of the San Francisco 49ers, who continues to add to his NFL records for receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns. Ex-linebackers Jack Ham of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Greg Buttle of the New York Jets cast the only dissenting ballots. Ham tabbed former teammate John

Stallworth and Paul Warfield (Browns/Miami Dolphins) as his receivers. Buttle named fellow Jet Don Maynard and ex-Seattle Seahawk Steve Largent. Neither Ham nor Buttle ever had to cover Rice, the only active player on this team.

RING CYCLE

Throwing to Rice on this stellar squad is his former quarterback, Joe Montana, the three-time Super Bowl MVP who got more than twice as many votes as the runner-up, Johnny Unitas. The third 49er player on our first team is safety Ronnie Lott, who, like Montana, owns four Super Bowl rings, one more than Rice.

The Steelers matched the 49ers with three first-team honorees: center Mike Webster, defensive tackle Joe Greene and cornerback Mel Blount. Together they have 12 Super Bowl rings. Greene was the NFL defensive player of the year in 1972 and '74, Blount in '75.



Across from Rice is Don Hutson, whose 11-year career with the Green Bay Packers included 488 receptions for 7,991 yards and 99 touchdowns and consecutive league MVP awards (1941-42).

The tight end on this elite team is, fittingly enough, Mike Ditka, who was the first tight end elected to the Hall of Fame. In 12 years with the Bears, Philadelphia Eagles and Dallas Cowboys, Ditka helped revolutionize the position. Ditka is now the coach of the New Orleans Saints, and two of his fellow coaches, Bill Parcells of the Jets and Jim Fassel of the New York Giants, named him on their ballots.

Joining Webster along the offensive line are tackles Anthony Munoz of the Cincinnati Bengals and Roosevelt Brown of the Giants and guards Jim Parker of the Baltimore Colts, the first full-time offensive lineman ever voted into the Hall of Fame, and John Hannah of the New England Patriots.

Jan Stenerud, the first true placekicker elected to the Hall

of Fame, fills that position on our team. He accumulated 1,699 points in 19 seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs, Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings.

ON THE DEFENSIVE

The '72 Dolphins, in the midst of a run of three consecutive Super Bowl appearances, were known for their "No-Name Defense." So anonymous were they, apparently, that our panel of experts seemed to have forgotten them. The entire unit is represented by one vote here, for safety Dick Anderson (from former referee Jim Tunney).

There is no mystery about any of the defenders on our first team. Joining Greene up front are tackle Bob Lilly (Cowboys) and ends Deacon Jones (Los Angeles Rams/San Diego Chargers) and Reggie White (Eagles/Packers). Lilly missed one game in a superb 14-year career. Jones coined the term "sack," a stat



STREET & SMITH'S ALL-TIME NFL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback	Joe Montana	Johnny Unitas
Running Back	Jim Brown	Gale Sayers
Running Back	Walter Payton	Barry Sanders
Wide Receiver	Jerry Rice	Paul Warfield
Wide Receiver	Don Hutson	Lance Alworth
Tight End	Mike Ditka	Kellen Winslow
Tackle	Anthony Munoz	Art Shell
Tackle	Roosevelt Brown	Forrest Gregg
Guard	Jim Parker	Gene Upshaw
Guard	John Hannah	Jerry Kramer
Center	Mike Webster	Jim Otto
Placekicker	Jan Stenerud	Morten Andersen

DEFENSE

End	Deacon Jones	Gino Marchetti
End	Reggie White	Bruce Smith
Tackle	Bob Lilly	Merlin Olsen
Tackle	Joe Greene	Alan Page
Linebacker	Dick Butkus	Jack Lambert
Linebacker	Lawrence Taylor	Jack Ham
Linebacker	Ray Nitschke	Ted Hendricks
Cornerback	Dick "Night Train" Lane	Herb Adderley
Cornerback	Mel Blount	Deion Sanders
Safety	Larry Wilson	Emlen Tunnell
Safety	Ronnie Lott	Ken Houston
Punter	Ray Guy	Sammy Baugh

White owned upon his retirement last winter.

DOMINATORS

Dick Butkus, Lawrence Taylor and Ray Nitschke dominated opposing offenses during their playing days, and they dominated the voting at linebacker. Butkus, with the Bears, and Nitschke, with the Packers, brought a ferocity from the middle during the 1960s; Taylor, the cornerstone of the Giants' defense in the '80s, terrorized quarterbacks with his blinding speed from the outside. Former Giant Dick Lynch spoke for many when he called Taylor "the best player I ever saw."

At the corner opposite Blount is Dick "Night Train" Lane. He broke into the NFL in a big way. As a rookie with the Rams in 1952, Lane had 14 interceptions. He picked off another 54 passes in the next 13 years.

Joining Lott in the deep secondary is Larry Wilson, a heavy

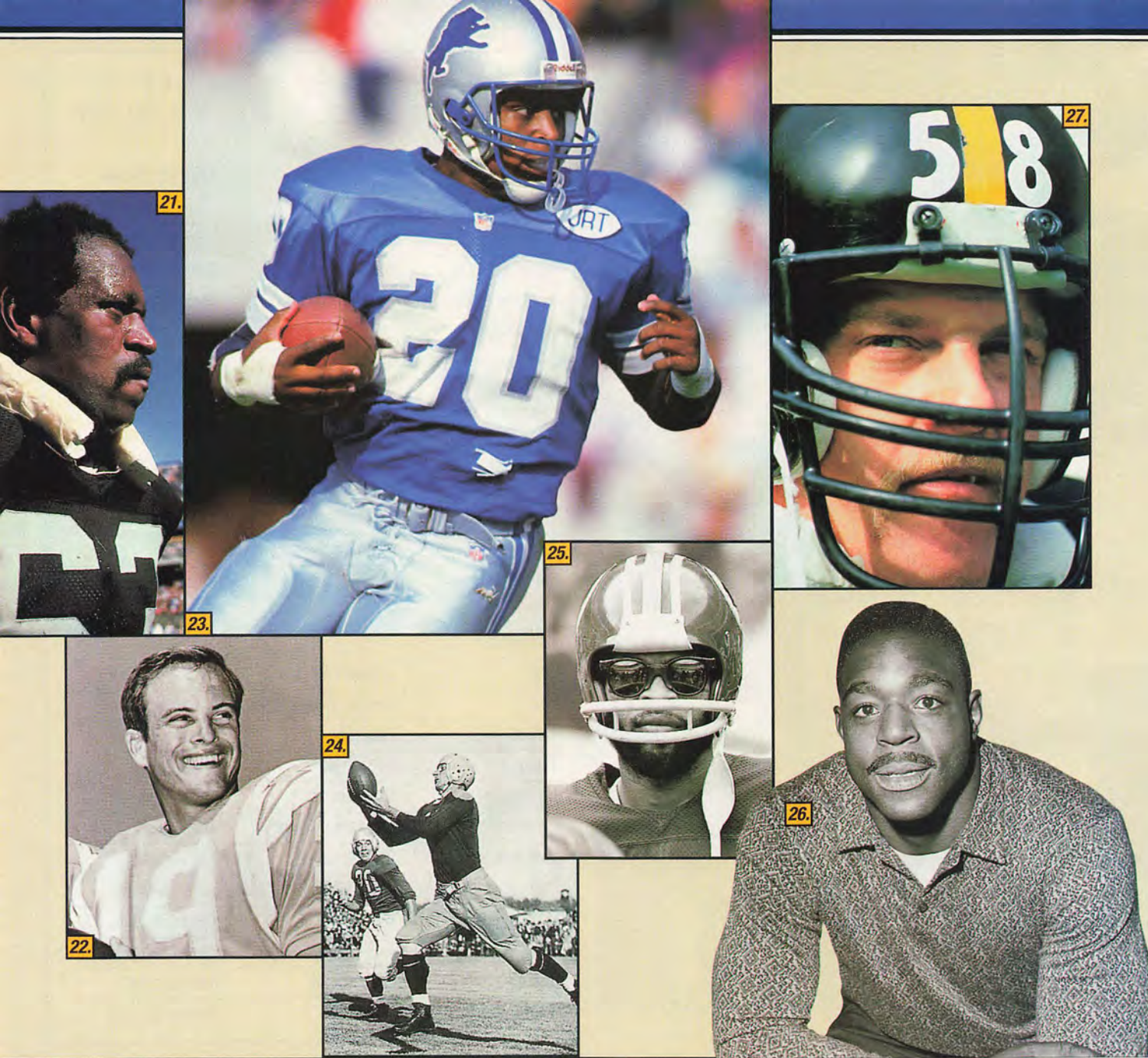
hitter for 13 years with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Many of those on our first team were singled out for stardom early on. Thirteen players were drafted No. 1 by their teams: Brown, Payton, Rice, Ditka, Munoz, Parker, Hannah, Greene, Lilly, Butkus, Taylor, Lott, and Guy. Eighteen of the 24 first-teamers are in the Hall of Fame.

SECOND HELPINGS

The second team features four Raiders, including three on the offensive line (tackle Art Shell, guard Gene Upshaw, and center Jim Otto) and one linebacker (Ted Hendricks). Two Steelers (Jack Ham and Jack Lambert) man the other linebacker posts and two Packers (Jerry Kramer and Forrest Gregg) fill out the offensive line.

Four active players were named to the backup unit: running back Barry Sanders of the Lions, placekicker Morten



Andersen of the Atlanta Falcons, end Bruce Smith of the Buffalo Bills and cornerback Deion Sanders of the Cowboys.

Unitas led the Colts to two NFL titles and passed for more than 40,000 yards. He is our No. 2 quarterback. Gale Sayers, who gave the Bears a draft-day bonanza in 1965 when he followed Butkus as a first-round pick and ran for a rookie-record 22 touchdowns, joins Unitas and Sanders in the backfield.

RECEPTION LINE

Warfield and Lance Alworth (Chargers/Cowboys) make an electrifying pair of receivers. Each scored 85 touchdowns. Tight end Kellen Winslow, drafted by the Chargers 17 years after Alworth, followed Alworth into the Hall of Fame 17 years later. Winslow is best remembered for a do-everything performance in an unforgettable overtime playoff victory over Miami in 1981.

The second-team defensive line also features Gino Mar-

chetti (Dallas Texans/Baltimore Colts), voted the top end in the NFL's first 50 years; Merlin Olsen, a member of the Rams' Fear-some Foursome; and Alan Page, the league's MVP in 1971 and one of the Vikings' Purple People Eaters.

Herb Adderley, who like Gregg and Kramer played on two Super Bowl champion teams in Green Bay, holds down the other corner. The safeties, Emlen Tunnell (Giants/Packers) and Ken Houston (Houston Oilers/Washington Redskins), each played 14 years and a generation apart. Tunnell had 79 interceptions; Houston 49.

SPECIAL TEAM

The final roster spot on our all-time team goes to Sammy Baugh. A charter enshrinee in the Hall of Fame, Baugh holds the highest average for punts in a season (51.4 yards) and a career (45.1 yards). He also led the NFL in passing six times. ■

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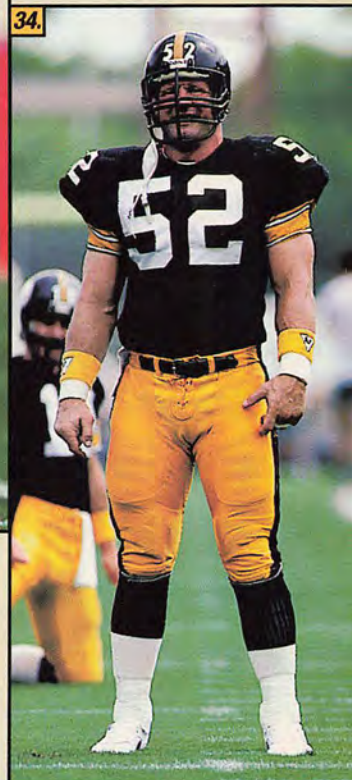
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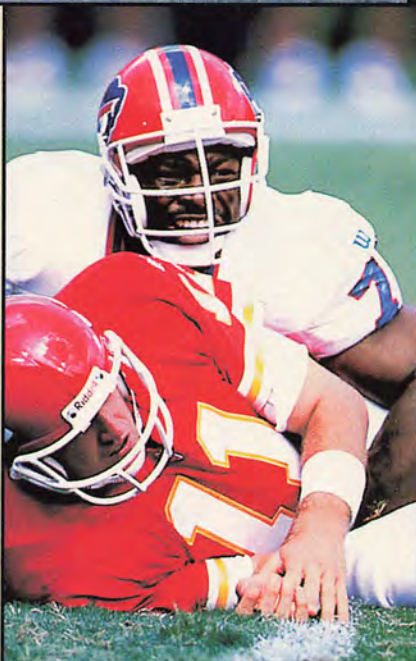
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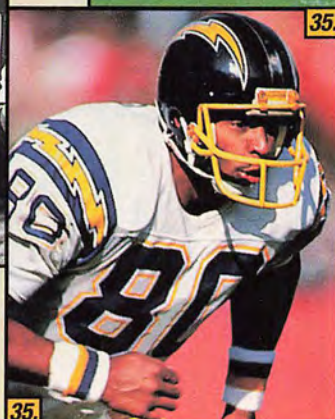
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HOW DID YOU DO?

1. Herb Adderly 2. Joe Montana 3. Dick "Night Train" Lane
4. Jim Brown 5. Walter Payton 6. Jim Otto 7. Emlen Tunnell
8. Anthony Munoz 9. Mike Ditka 10. Lawrence Taylor
11. Gino Marchetti 12. Merlin Olsen 13. Johnny Unitas
14. Jerry Rice 15. Joe Greene 16. John Hannah
17. Morten Andersen 18. Reggie White 19. Ronnie Lott
20. Dick Butkus 21. Gene Upshaw 22. Lance Alworth
23. Barry Sanders 24. Don Hutson 25. Ken Houston
26. Roosevelt Brown 27. Jack Lambert 28. Gale Sayers
29. Bruce Smith 30. Ted Hendricks 31. Jerry Kramer
32. Deion Sanders 33. Forrest Gregg 34. Mike Webster
35. Kellen Winslow 36. Sammy Baugh



Making The Grade... **DRAFT '99**

The 1999 NFL Draft left Mike Ditka in dreadlocks, Donovan McNabb watching his back and Bill Polian answering plenty of questions. Who won and who lost?

By Anthony L. Gargano
New York Post



Donovan McNabb plays quarterback. He has seen a snarling linebacker and felt the hit of a blindside blitz and coughed up dirt afterwards.

But this? This was scary.

This was Philadelphia unplugged: "The City That Boos You Back," where they would stone Santa Claus and boil the Easter Bunny and dump a charred Redskin or Cowboy mascot in the tall weeds by the airport—after an Eagles loss.

Passion and alcohol: A deadly mix. Add ill will from a 3-13 season and the supposed "wrong pick" with one No. 2 overall, and Draft Day becomes D-Day for poor McNabb from storybook Syracuse. In the home of the boo-stained Blue Seats, of the heartless New Yorker, Philly fans thirsty for Heisman running back Ricky Williams turned Madison Square Garden into a demolition demonstration site.

Of course, McNabb wasn't the target. He merely got caught an innocent victim in the drive-by booing. The bus trips up the Jersey Turnpike were a show of protest to a franchise stricken by a plague of "boobonic" moves, dating back to the infamous days of former coach Rich Kotite.

As it is, you need steel-reinforced skin to play in Philadelphia. McNabb, who seems the perfect fit for the new Eagles coach Andy Reid's West Coast offense, has the right approach. He says he'll win the fans over with his play. But with McNabb slated to play understudy behind career backup Doug Pederson this year, when will he get the chance? Will the Vet be torn down by just-had-it Iggles fans before the new stadium is built?

Reid and Eagles personnel man Tom Modrak plead for patience. But there's none left in South Philly.

Meanwhile, Mike Ditka thanks the Eagles and the Colts for Williams. Who says Saints don't have dreadlocks? Who says gamblers never win? While a league and its pundits pan Iron Mike for throwing in all of his chips on one hand, Ditka has his franchise back. Is he a reckless old fool? Or a fearless genius?

Never has an NFL draft offered such drama. The Colts taking Edgerin James at No. 4, the new Browns settling on Tim Couch over Akili Smith, the troubled Cecil Collins falling to the fifth round, though predictably to halfback-happy Jimmy Johnson.

But this draft will go down in history as the one in which quarterbacks went 1-2-3.

Is this a repeat of the Class of '83? Or the Bust of '99?

While Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch (opposite page, far left) was the No. 1 pick, it was Heisman Trophy-winner Ricky Williams (above) whom the planet seemed to revolve around at the April 17-18 NFL Draft in New York. When Williams fell to New Orleans with the No. 5 pick, Saints coach Mike Ditka (opposite, donning dreadlocks) became the happiest man in the world and Eagles fans hopeful of their team taking Saint Ricky (opposite, top left) became the angriest mob in the world, booing Philly's No. 2 selection, Donovan McNabb (with Commissioner Paul Tagliabue at left). None of it stopped No. 3 pick Akili Smith, the next quarterback of the Bengals, from kissing his grandmother (opposite, top right).

Player profiles by Scott Smith

'99 DRAFT RECAP

Round 1

PK.	PLAYER	POS.	TM.
1	Tim Couch	QB	CLE
2	Donovan McNabb	QB	PHI
3	Akili Smith	QB	CIN
4	Edgerrin James	RB	IND
5	Ricky Williams	RB	NO
6	Torry Holt	WR	STL
7	Champ Bailey	CB	WAS
8	David Boston	WR	ARI
9	Chris Claiborne	ILB	DET
10	Chris McAlister	CB	BAL
11	Daunte Culpepper	QB	MIN
12	Cade McNown	QB	CHI
13	Troy Edwards	WR	PIT
14	John Tait	OT	KC
15	Anthony McFarland	DT	TB
16	Jevon Kearse	DE	TEN
17	Damien Woody	C	NE
18	Matt Stinchcomb	OT	OAK
19	Luke Pettigout	OT	NYG
20	Ebenezer Ekuban	DE	DAL
21	Lonnie Shelton	OT	ARI
22	Lamar King	DE	SEA
23	Antoine Winfield	CB	BUF
24	Reggie McGrew	DT	SF
25	Antwan Edwards	CB	GB
26	Fernando Bryant	CB	JAC
27	Aaron Gibson	OT	DET
28	Andy Katzenmoyer	ILB	NE
29	Dimitrius Underwood	DE	MIN
30	Patrick Kerney	DE	ATL
31	Al Wilson	ILB	DEN

Round 2

32	Kevin Johnson	WR	CLE
33	Charles Fisher	CB	CIN
34	Chris Terry	OT	CAR
35	Barry Gardner	ILB	PHI
36	Mike Peterson	OLB	IND
37	Jon Jansen	OT	WAS
38	Mike Rucker	DE	CAR
39	James Johnson	RB	MIA
40	Tony Bryant	DE	OAK
41	Dre Bly	CB	STL
42	Reginald Kelly	TE	ATL
43	Rob Konrad	FB	MIA
44	Jimmy Kleinsasser	TE	MIN
45	Rahim Abdullah	OLB	CLE
46	Kevin Faulk	RB	NE
47	Fred Vinson	CB	GB
48	Russell Davis	DT	CHI
49	Joe Montgomery	RB	NYG
50	Shaun King	QB	TB
51	Johnny Rutledge	ILB	ARI
52	John Thornton	DT	TEN
53	Peerless Price	WR	BUF
54	Mike Cloud	RB	KC
55	Solomon Page	OT	DAL
56	Larry Smith	DT	JAC
57	Randy Thomas	OG	NYJ
58	Montae Reagar	DE	DEN
59	Scott Shields	SS	PIT
60	Jermaine Fazzannde	FB	SD
61	Lennie Friedman	OG	DEN

Round 3

62	Dayleon McCutcheon	CB	CLE
63	Brandon Burlsworth	OG	IND
64	Doug Brzezinski	OG	PHI
65	Cory Hall	S	CIN
66	Rex Tucker	OT	CHI
67	Chris Watson	CB	DEN
68	Rich Coady	DB	STL
69	Steve Heiden	TE	SD
70	Jared DeVries	DT	DET
71	Dwayne Bates	WR	CHI
72	Grey Ruegamer	C	MIA
73	Joey Porter	OLB	PIT
74	Kris Farris	OT	PIT
75	Gary Stills	OLB	KC
76	Marquis Smith	S	CLE
77	Brock Huard	QB	SEA
78	Marty Booker	WR	CHI
79	Daniel Campbell	TE	NYG
80	Martin Gramatica	PK	TB
81	Zach Piller	OG	TEN
82	Karsten Bailey	WR	SEA
83	Tom Burke	DE	ARI

84	Larry Atkins	S	KC
85	Dat Nguyen	ILB	DAL
86	Shawn Bryson	RB	BUF
87	Mike McKenzie	CB	GB
88	Anthony Cesario	OG	JAC
89	Chike Okefer	DE	SF
90	David Loverne	OG	NYJ
91	Tony George	S	NE
92	Jeff Paulk	FB	ATL
93	Travis McGriff	WR	DEN
94	Cletidus Hunt	DE	GB
95	Amos Zereoue	RB	PIT

Round 4

96	Paul Miranda	CB	IND
97	John Welbourn	OG	PHI
98	Craig Yeast	WR	CIN
99	Anthony Parker	S	SF
100	Hannibal Navies	OLB	CAR
101	Joe Germaine	QB	STL
102	Dameane Douglas	WR	OAK
103	Sedrick Irvin	RB	DET
104	Jason Perry	FS	SD
105	Brandon Stokley	WR	BAL
106	Warrick Holdman	OLB	CHI
107	Nate Stimson	OLB	WAS
108	Larry Parker	WR	KC
109	Arnon Smith	DE	PIT
110	Pierson Prioleau	DB	SF
111	Rosevelt Colvin	DE	CHI
112	Sean Bennett	RB	NYG
113	Dexter Jackson	S	TB
114	Brad Ware	S	TEN
115	Antonio Cochran	DE	SEA
116	Joel Makovicka	FB	ARI
117	Donald Mitchell	S	TEN
118	Wane Mcgarity	WR	DAL
119	Keith Newman	ILB	BUF
120	Kenny Wright	CB	MIN
121	Kevin Landolt	DT	JAC
122	Bobby Collins	TE	BUF
123	Jason Wiltz	DT	NYJ
124	Wali Rainer	ILB	CLE
125	Jay Humphrey	OT	MIN
126	Johndale Carty	S	ATL
127	Olandis Gary	RB	DEN
128	Damon Moore	S	PHI
129	Edwin Mulitalo	OG	BAL
130	Na Brown	WR	PHI
131	Aaron Brooks	QB	GB
132	Peppi Zellner	DE	DAL
133	Josh Bidwell	P	GB

Round 5

134	Cecil Collins	RB	MIA
135	Nick Williams	FB	CIN
136	Jerame Tuman	TE	PIT
137	Ty Talton	CB	DET
138	Brad Scioli	DE	IND
139	Adrian Dingle	DE	SD
140	Floyd Wedderburn	OG	SEA
141	Reggie Nelson	OG	SD
142	Brian Jones	OLB	MIA
143	Jerry Wisne	OG	CHI
144	Khari Samuel	ILB	CHI
145	Cameron Spikes	OG	STL
146	Eric Barton	ILB	OAK
147	Jerry Azumah	RB	CHI
148	Darrin Chiaverini	WR	CLE
149	Mike Rosenthal	OG	NYG
150	John McLaughlin	OLB	TB
151	Kevin Daft	QB	TEN
152	Charlie Rogers	RB	SEA
153	Roderick Coleman	DE	OAK
154	Derrick Fletcher	OG	NE
155	Paris Johnson	S	ARI
156	Jay Foreman	OLB	BUF
157	Terry Jackson	RB	SF
158	David Bowens	DE	DEN
159	Demond Parker	RB	GB
160	Jason Craft	CB	JAC
161	Tyrone Hopson	OG	SF
162	Jermaine Jones	DB	NYJ
163	Craig Heimburger	OG	GB
164	Eugene Baker	WR	ATL
165	Derek Smith	OT	WAS
166	Malcolm Johnson	WR	PIT
167	Darwin Brown	CB	DEN
168	Yusef Scott	OG	ARI

169	Chris Jones	ILB	MIN
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Round 6

170	Steve Johnson	CB	SEA
171	Tai Streets	WR	SF
172	Cecil Martin	FB	PHI
173	Kelly Gregg	DT	CIN
174	Marcus Spriggs	DT	CLE
175	Robert Daniel	DE	CAR
176	Lionel Barnes	DE	STL
177	Clint Kriewaldt	ILB	DET
178	Tyrone Bell	CB	SD
179	Desmond Clark	WR	DEN
180	Marcus Washington	CB	NE
181	Jeff Hall	PK	WAS
182	Emanas Leroy	DT	JAC
183	Mark Megna	ILB	NYJ
184	Rashard Cook	S	CHI
185	Talance Sawyer	DT	BAL
186	Darran Hall	WR	TEN
187	Kendall Ogle	OLB	CLE
188	Darren Yancey	DT	OAK
189	Lyle West	CB	NYG
190	Jacoby Rhinehart	CB	ARI
191	James Dearth	TE	CLE
192	Brent Bartholomew	PK	MIA
193	Martay Jenkins	WR	DAL
194	Armon Hatcher	S	BUF
195	Lamar Glenn	FB	TB
196	Dee Miller	WR	GB
197	J.P. Machado	OG	NYJ
198	Jeff Kelly	ILB	ATL
199	Antico Dalton	OLB	MIN
200	Eric Thigpen	DB	ATL
201	Troy Smith	WR	PHI
202	Melvin Bradley	DT	ARI
203	Scott Curry	OT	GB
204	Chad Plummer	QB	DET
205	Andre Weathers	S	NYG
206	Dennis McKinley	RB	ARI

Round 7

207	Madre Hill	RB	CLE
208	Jed Weaver	TE	PHI
209	Tony Coats	OG	CIN
210	Hunter Smith	P	IND
211	Tony Booth	S	CAR
212	Chris Atkins	S	GB
213	Donald Driver	WR	GB
214	Antonio Dingle	DT	PIT
215	Mike Pringley	DE	DET
216	Anthony Poindexter	S	BAL
217	Tim Alexander	WR	WAS
218	Billy Miller	WR	DEN
219	Chad Kelsey	OLB	PIT
220	Eric King	OG	KC
221	Sulecio Sanford	WR	CHI
222	Phil Glover	OLB	TEN
223	Ryan Young	OT	NYJ
224	Jo Juan Armour	OLB	OAK
225	Ryan Hale	DT	NYG
226	Robert Hunt	OT	TB
227	Michael Bishop	QB	NE
228	Chris Brown	PK	PIT
229	Mike Lucky	TE	DAL
230	Sheldon Jackson	TE	BUF
231	O.J. Childress	OLB	NYG
232	Jermaine Haley	DT	MIA
233	Autry Denson	RB	TB
234	Kory Minor	OLB	SF
235	J.J. Syvrud	DT	NYJ
236	Noel Scarlett	DE	MIN
237	Todd McClure	C	ATL
238	Justin Swift	TE	DEN
239	Chris Greisen	QB	ARI
240	Darnell Mcdonald	WR	TB
241	Sean Morey	WR	NE
242	Dee Moronkola	DB	JAC
243	Kelvin Garmont	OG	DAL
244	Joe Wong	OG	MIA
245	Scott Covington	QB	CIN
246	Chris White	DT	JAC
247	Rondel Melendez	WR	ATL
248	Bryce Fisher	DE	BUF
249	Donald Broomfield	DT	CIN
250	Corey Terry	DT	IND
251	Pernell Davis	DT	PHI
252	Rodney Williams	P	STL

ARIZONA CARDINALS A

The blueprint to rebuild a loser? Follow Vince Tobin, who parlayed last year's trade of Ryan Leaf to the Chargers into three picks and another fine draft this year. The Cards desperately needed an offensive lineman after losing Lomas Brown, but didn't give into the temptation with their first first-round pick and landed Ohio State big-play guy David Boston—who will be Jake the Snake's third talented wideout. Then, at 21, they embraced massive Eastern Michigan tackle L.J. Shelton, who could be as good as top-rated John Tait of BYU. The best in the East will soon reside in the desert out west.

ATLANTA FALCONS D

Not so sure about this strategy. The Falcons needed secondary help (see Super Bowl) and a wideout to replace Tony Martin. They picked DE Patrick Kerney in the first round and traded their first-round pick in 2000 for TE Reggie Kelly. Virginia's Kerney could be a player—if room ever surfaces on a fine Dirty Bird line. But trading for Kelly when Peerless Price is there and FB Jeff Paulk in the third round when starter Bob Christian is still in Atlanta? Strange.

BALTIMORE RAVENS B

It's tough to argue against CB Chris McAlister at No. 10 overall. The blanket man from Arizona will be an All-Pro for many years. It's just the Ravens need so much. A top running back? An offensive lineman to replace the departed Orlando Brown and Wally Williams? A quarterback? Baltimore went the veteran route there by acquiring Scott Mitchell (for a third-round pick) and Tony Banks. The Ravens did make two shrewd moves, trading their second-round pick to Atlanta for a No. 1 in 2000 and landing Virginia safety Anthony Poindexter, whose iffy knee dropped him into the seventh round.

BUFFALO BILLS B-

The Bills got their most wanted man: CB Antoine Winfield of Ohio State. Winfield is on the small side, but he's quick and can hit. Perhaps the prize of their draft

came at No. 53, Peerless Price, the burner from Tennessee whose lack of size scared some teams away. Still, Fearless Peerless seems the perfect heir to Andre Reed's slot. Doug Flutie is salivating over his breakfast flakes at the thought of throwing to Eric Moulds and Reed and Price. Buffalo also went to the NCAA champion Vols for FB Shawn Bryson, a big back with good speed and great hands.

CAROLINA PANTHERS **C-**

Poor George Seifert. His first draft trying to rebuild a bad team and he has no first-round pick. The Panthers gave it away for Sean Gilbert last year. Seifert made the most of his ill circumstance with highly rated T Chris Terry of Georgia at No. 34 and Nebraska DE Mike Rucker at No. 38. It will take a lot more to help Carolina. Oh, the pain of rebuilding.

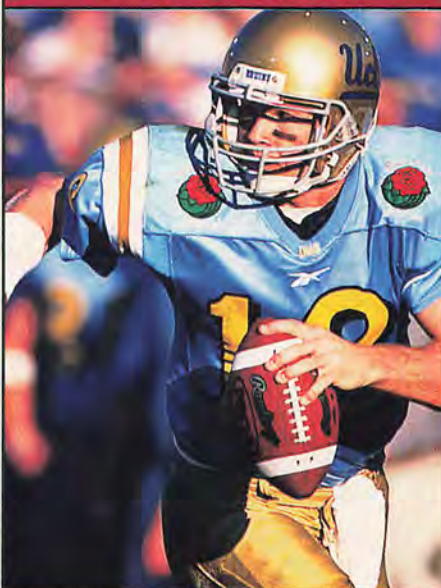
CHICAGO BEARS **C+**

The next Ron Wolf? Chicago's Mark Hatley. Finally, a slick move by the Bears. They entered the draft with six picks and emerged with 13, including five of the first 78 picks, including underrated UCLA quarterback Cade McNown. The Bears haven't had a quarterback since Jim McMahon, and this Mac—though on the small side, without the monster arm—also seems to be a winner. That's what you call an intangible, something that can't be computed with a stopwatch at the combine. The Bears also came away with DT Russell Davis and WR D'Wayne Bates, but curiously they bypassed wideout Peerless Price of national champion Tennessee.

CINCINNATI BENGALS **C-**

Akili Smith was the Dot Com stock in heat, a Yahoo! quarterback who flirted with the top spot before going No. 3 overall. This despite only 13 starts in college. No QB made a bigger impression in private workouts, and Browns coach Chris Palmer rated his arm the strongest of the lot. The problem here isn't the ghost of David Klingler, it's the lack of talent around him. The Bengals fished for DBs Charles Fisher in the second round and Cory Hall in the third. Craig Yeast, Tim Couch's favorite receiver at Kentucky, was a nice pull in the fourth.

Cade McNown



Some have questioned his arm strength and ability to throw in the strong Chicago winds, but no one disagrees that Bears No. 1 pick McNown is the most prepared of the '99 quarterback class to step in and play in the NFL. With only shaky Erik Kramer in front of him, he may get his chance this season. The 6-1 lefty is a leader with all the intangibles.

Torry Holt



The 6-0 burner from N.C. State runs efficient routes, makes tough catches and can run with the football. Still, some draft observers were surprised that Holt went as high as the sixth selection to St. Louis. The bonus for the Rams is that Holt is an excellent return man who may be able to replace the departed Eddie Kennison on kickoff and punt returns.

Save for Smith, however, this draft was no blockbuster.

CLEVELAND BROWNS **A**

They certainly made for a lot of drama with the first pick. It's Tim Couch one day, Akili Smith the next, Ricky Williams the day after. A last-minute workout by Couch finally made up their minds. Good thing. Class of '99 graduate Couch seems prepared for the NFL. And the Browns got him a terrific target in the second round in Syracuse's Kevin Johnson. The rest of their draft was also fruitful, with help on defense coming in CB Daylon McCutcheon, S Marquis Smith and LB Rahim Abdullah.

DALLAS COWBOYS **B+**

Chan The Man knows exactly what he's doing after this: North Carolina DE Ebenezer Ekuban in the first round, West Virginia T Solomon Page, a projected first-rounder, in the second, Lombardi Trophy-winning LB Dat Nguyen in the third. All three should be starters down the line, filling some serious holes in the decaying Cowboys. Just a hunch, but Nguyen—who at an undersized 5-11, 234 pounds, reminds many of Miami's Zach Thomas—will prove the biggest steal of the draft if Cecil Collins isn't.

DENVER BRONCOS **B**

If the NFL was fair, the league would have banned the Broncos from this year's draft. Instead, the best get better, starting with LB Al Wilson of Tennessee. What Denver most of all did was add depth, with DE Montae Reagor of Texas Tech, Duke center Lennie Friedman and USC receiver Billy Miller. Some say Miller might be another Ed McCaffrey.

DETROIT LIONS **A**

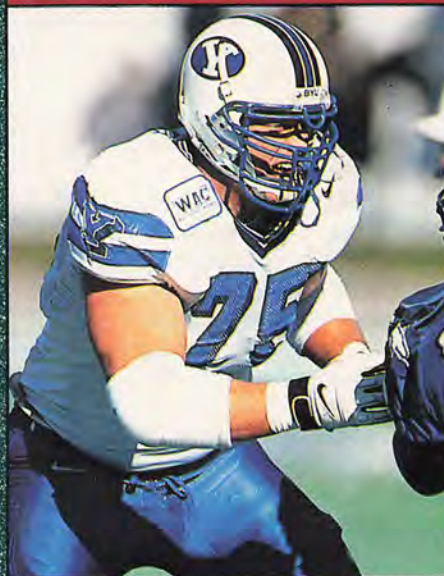
The Lions (yes, the Lions) might have had the best draft of anybody. Imagine how they felt after Chris Claiborne, the monster LB everybody called a top five pick, slipped to No. 9 with the big rush on QBs. It gets better. Guard Aaron Gibson, who the Lions were considering at No. 9 before the draft, fell to them at No. 27. Imagine how Barry Sanders feels

Chris Claiborne



The Butkus Award-winning linebacker should step right into a starting role at Detroit and have a major impact. Claiborne (6-2, 248) showed great versatility at Southern California and can play inside or outside. Drafted at No. 9 overall as an underclassman, many scouts believe he has tremendous potential to improve.

John Tait



The 6-6, 310-pound Tait was the first offensive lineman selected, going to Kansas City at No. 14. Although he came out of BYU a year early, he's a mature 24 years of age. Tait is known as an exceptionally hard worker who's best in pass protection. It's the second consecutive year the Chiefs have taken an offensive lineman with their first pick.

with the selection of this 380-pounder from Wisconsin. Both players have Pro Bowl potential, while third-round DT Jared DeVries of Iowa and fourth-round RB Sedrick Irvin of Michigan State could produce in the long run.

GREEN BAY PACKERS **C**

Think the Packers aren't freaked by Randy Moss & Co.? After getting torched twice by the Vikes last year, GM Ron Wolf used his first three picks to beef up the secondary: S Antuan Edwards, CB Fred Vinson and CB Mike McKenzie. Edwards and Vinson both could see plenty of action this season. Also, watch out for WR Dee Miller, the 196th pick who played opposite David Boston at Ohio State and could be a find.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS **B+**

What was it? The agent? The dreads? The doughnuts? Colts GM Bill Polian swears it was just Edgerrin James that made him bypass Ricky Williams at No. 4. Some scouts have James dead even with Williams as a ball carrier and give him the edge catching passes out of the backfield. That's fine, but if Williams turns out to be the next great one—no matter what James does—Polian will go down in infamy. One other thing: Is James better than Marshall Faulk? Peyton Manning can only pray. Lost in the controversy was a fine draft the rest of the way that reaped a solid LB in Mike Peterson and CB in Paul Miranda.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS **D**

After watching Vinny Testaverde spend all day in the pocket in last year's playoffs, it wasn't hard to spot the Jags' biggest need. Alabama CB Fernando Bryant, while a top-notch cover guy, doesn't fill it. The Jags wanted Lamar King to help give them a semblance of a pass rush. Instead, they settled in the second round on Florida State DT Larry Smith, who was injured in '98.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS **B**

The Chiefs wanted a rock for the offensive line and got a boulder in BYU tackle John Tait. Next position. That's a problem.

K.C. has a huge hole at cornerback and nothing to put in it. Running back is also a question, but is BC's Mike Cloud the answer? Cloud was the Running Back of the Year in a Big East Conference that included Edgerrin James. Some help on defense comes with LB Gary Stills and S Larry Atkins.

MIAMI DOLPHINS **B**

After trading out of the first round, Jimmy Johnson's quest for a running game continued all draft. First came Mississippi State's James Johnson, then Syracuse 251-pound FB Rob Konrad and finally the controversial Cecil Collins. Johnson has been compared to Jamal Anderson, while the much-traveled and troubled Collins is likened to Jerome Bettis. Some consider Cecil "The Deisel" the best back behind Ricky Williams and Edgerrin James. Some wouldn't touch him as a free agent, let alone in the seventh round, after playing only four games and getting booted from LSU and McNeese State. "We may never get the full story on this kid," Saints director of college scouting Bruce Lemmerman says. "He's like putting together a 2,000-piece jigsaw puzzle with no face."

MINNESOTA VIKINGS **B-**

Just wondering: When did Dennis Green turn into a guru? A draft after selecting Randy Moss, the Vikes get Daunte Culpepper, whose upside is as high as Moss'. And like Moss, is there a better spot for the hulking quarterback from Central Florida to go than 15-1 Minnesota? Here, Culpepper will be able to take his time developing and learn behind Randall Cunningham. Even backup Jeff George can't screw this QB situation up. Defensive end Dimitrius Underwood is a gamble at No. 29 overall, but Green has hit the jackpot once. Why doubt him? Especially after he came back in the second round via trade, coming up with North Dakota TE Jimmy Kleinsasser, who adds another dimension to the league's best offense.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS **B+**

After losing Robert Edwards possibly forever, the Pats were aching for a feature back. Blessed with two first-round picks, they tried to trade up for Ricky Williams

or Edgerrin James, were denied, and opted for BC center Damien Woody, who fills the gaping hole left by the departure of Dave Wohlabaugh. Then finally came a dose of good luck for the Pats: LB Andy Katzenmoyer slipped to No. 28, and he should shore up a leaky run defense. They eventually got their back in Round 2, a decent one in LSU's Kevin Faulk, who has breakaway speed and good hands out of the backfield. If only he can beat his two bugs: fumbling and injuries. Now for the problem at coach . . .

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS **A**

Mike Holmgren calls it "selfish pride." The rest of the world calls it stupid. We call Mike Ditka's "Last Stand" obtaining an identity for a franchise whose last one was a brown paper bag with holes in it. Don't want to hear about Ricky Williams' small hands or love of doughnuts. He will rush for 2,000—*gar-UN-teed*. Everybody talks about the price Ditka paid—and it's steep—but the Saints kept their draft picks for years and where did it get them? Cheers to the NFL's great gambler. May they toast a playoff game in the French Quarter.

NEW YORK GIANTS **D**

The blueprint to stay mediocre? Draft need in the wake of more talented players—and reach for it. The Giants took guard Luke Petitgout of Notre Dame at 19 when he was slated to go early second round. Meanwhile, both L.J. Shelton and Aaron Gibson were rated higher than Petitgout, whose stock jumped after a solid combine. Beware of those combine warriors—remember Mike Mamula? Running back Joe Montgomery in the second round also appears to be a stretch, and third-round choice Dan Campbell of Texas A&M is nothing to get excited about. The shadow of Tuna grows larger at the Meadowlands.

NEW YORK JETS **D**

While it's never wise to diss King Tuna, who brought the Jets from Rich Kotite to the AFC Championship game, this draft has little sex appeal. The Jets didn't pick until No. 57, then loaded up with four offensive lineman. Eh? Parcells has never been fond of rookies, anyway.

OAKLAND RAIDERS **D**

The Raiders could have used a skill player more than Georgia T Matt Stinchcomb, who could be a reach. Is he better than L.J. Shelton and Aaron Gibson, both on the board at the time? That question could haunt the Raiders, as well as not trading up to land Ohio State LB Andy Katzenmoyer. Instead, they traded a third-round pick to land DE Tony Bryant of Florida State in the second round. Bryant had a poor senior season but has tremendous upside.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES **B**

Taking a QB over Ricky Williams was probably the right move at No. 2, but wouldn't it have been wise to take an even better offer from Ditka than the Redskins got and then maneuver back up to land Central Florida's Daunte Culpepper? After all, Andy Reid did say leading up to the draft that picking among Culpepper, Akili Smith, Tim Couch and Donovan McNabb was a tossup. The rest of the Birds' draft was strong, especially LB Barry Garden, a smart, hungry player who could start right away in the middle, and G Doug Brzezinski, who opened up many of those holes for Mike Cloud at Boston College. However, the grade could rise or drop significantly depending on how McNabb fares. A franchise hangs in the balance.

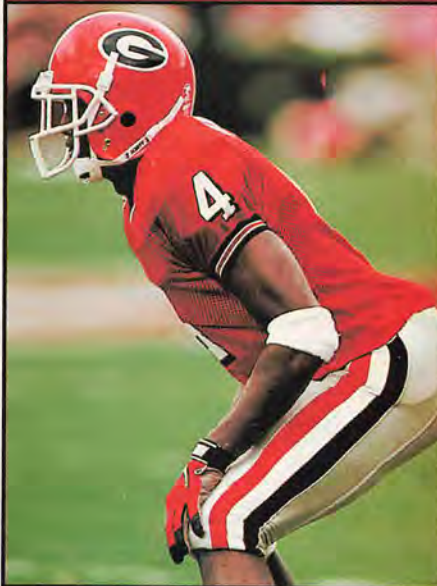
PITTSBURGH STEELERS **C+**

Did the Steelers reach to give Kordell Stewart a pair of warm hands? They had to get somebody, and Louisiana Tech's Troy Edwards was the third-rated wideout in the draft. At No. 13? Over tackle John Tait? Edwards, a distant third to Torry Holt and David Boston, caught 140 balls last year. Safety Scott Shields is the same type of pick in the second round, considering the team needed a boost in the secondary with the (surprise!) free-agent loss of Carnell Lake. The Steelers were solid in the middle rounds, landing West Virginia RB Amos Zereoue, UCLA T Kris Farris and Virginia DT Antonio Dingle.

ST. LOUIS RAMS **B+**

The Rams added high octane to a pitty-pat offense, which is good news for new

Champ Bailey



How lucky can you get? The Redskins were able to get a bushel of extra picks from the Saints to move down in the first round and still got the man they wanted, Bailey, the best athlete in the draft. The 6-0 corner from Georgia appears to be the next Deion Sanders. He can shut down top receivers, return kicks and punts and chip in as a receiver on offense.

David Boston



A fractured left scapula sustained at mini-camp in May will slow the former Ohio State wide receiver heading into the Cardinals' July 30 training camp. Boston, however, should be ready to begin the season at full speed. Not lightning fast, Boston (6-1, 215 pounds) uses his size, strength and body control to make plays downfield. Two-time All-Big Ten pick.

quarterback Trent Green. First, they traded for Marshall Faulk (in a deal that could be a steal if they don't mind paying him \$6 million per), next they took N.C. State WR Torry Holt, though at the expense of Champ Bailey. So with secondary a need, Dick Vermeil chose North Carolina CB Dre Bly in the second round. Bly led the nation in interceptions three years ago, but had an awful season in '98. If he rebounds, it's an A day for St. Louis. Pick for the future: Heady Ohio State QB Joe Germaine, who just might stick in this league with the right tutelage.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS **F**

Just wondering: When did Bobby Beathard lose his touch? The Chargers didn't have a first-round pick again (this time because of Ryan Leaf) so Bobby B's first choice didn't come until No. 60. It didn't wow anybody. Most teams considered plodding Oklahoma FB Jermaine Fazande a late-rounder at best. Most teams didn't rate South Dakota State TE Steve Heiden that high (No. 69 overall), either. Next year won't be any better. Surprise, the Chargers have already dealt their No. 1 for 2000. At least Mike Ditka has Ricky Williams.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS **C+**

The Niners pulled a nice smokescreen and drafted some needed help on the D-line with DT Reggie McGrew and DE Chike Okefor. They really wanted Lamar King in the first round but settled for Florida's McGrew, who will allow Junior Bryant to move to the outside and add some pass rush. Okefor and DB Anthony Parker will also likely see action, but the one pick to watch in the future is sixth-rounder Tai Streets. The former Michigan receiver would have been a second-round pick had he not ripped his Achilles tendon in a pickup hoop game before the draft.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS **B**

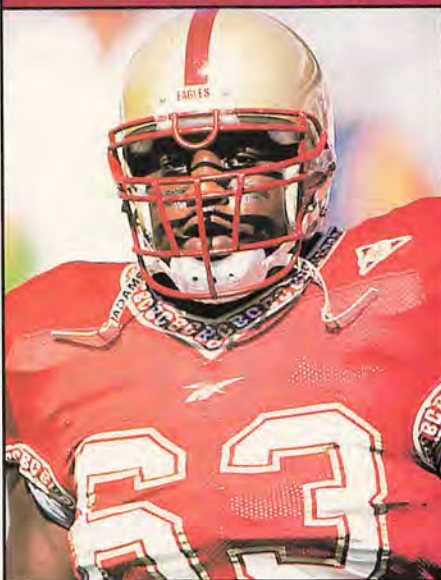
It appears Mike Holmgren did just fine in his first draft without Ron Wolf, if only because he traded down and took DE Lamar King. The big man at Saginaw Valley State has the makings of a star. Holmgren also got some bargains in Washington QB Brock Huard (a pet project), Auburn WR Karsten Bailey and Penn

Edgerrin James



The Colts passed on Ricky Williams with the fourth pick and selected James because they felt the Miami running back would fit better into their pass-heavy offense. James catches the ball better than Williams, but whether he will have the same impact on opponents is a question to be answered. At 6-0, 215 pounds, he offers a size-speed package.

Damien Woody



The best pure center in the draft, Boston College's Woody will replace departed free agent Dave Wohlabaugh for New England. The Patriots traded up to No. 17 to nab the 6-3, 328-pound underclassman. Has great quickness for a large man and also uses his hands well. May be able to slide over and play guard for the Pats eventually if needed to.

State OT Floyd Wedderburn, a former defensive lineman who would have been a second-round pick (not fifth) had he not suffered a knee injury.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS **B**

The Bucs entered the draft looking for help on the offensive line, but how do you pass up the best defensive lineman in the draft at No. 15? You don't. LSU tackle Anthony McFarland makes the best defense in the NFL that much deeper. The real coup could be second-round pick Shaun King. Lost in the cavalcade of QBs, King did nothing but produce TDs at Tulane. In time, he just might be the long-term answer that Trent Dilfer obviously is not. The Bucs' most intriguing pick was third-round Kansas State kicker Martin Gramatica, who can boot 'em across state.

TENNESSEE TITANS **B**

Sometimes luck is more important than The Eye, like when a Jevon Kearsse falls into your lap. His offense intact and defense in need of a big-play guy, Jeff Fisher tried (and failed) to trade up to draft Kearsse. Is Florida's Kearsse that impact player? Maybe so, maybe not. It all depends on Kearsse, who some say is long on talent, short on heart. Remember, he was a supposed top 10 pick who fell to No. 16. The Titans gambled in the second round on DT John Thornton, another unpredictable pass rusher. The talented Thornton often disappeared at West Virginia. Florida G Zach Piller, who earned the title of strongest man at the combine, was a solid pick in the third round.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS **A**

No secret, the 'Skins wanted Georgia superback Champ Bailey to play opposite Darrell Green. So Charley Casserly trades the No. 5 pick to Mike Ditka for everything and the kitchen sink (eight picks, including the Saints' No. 1 in 2000), then trades back up with the Bears to land Bailey at No. 7. Meanwhile, the two-way play Bailey, who will begin his NFL career at corner before trying the Other Side, could be the best player in the draft. The second coming of Deion? "His game is as good as his name," says Steelers GM Tom Donahoe. Michigan OT Jon Jansen was a solid pick in the second round.

MOCK DRAFT 2000

A look ahead to next year's top NFL rookies

By Jim Carley

Last year, it was quarterbacks. There seemed to be a prize quarterback to draft for every needy team in the NFL.

This year it will be the players those QBs throw to: the wide receivers.

In talking with NFL scouts and personnel directors about next year's draft, it appears at least six and possibly more wide receivers will go in the first round next April.

And at the top of *Street & Smith's* Mock Draft 2000 is the best of them all, Florida State's Peter Warrick, who has scouts drooling.

"We were hoping he would come out last year," one AFC personnel man

says. "If he had, he's the one guy on the table that I said we should trade everything we can to get him."

"He's a special guy. He has speed, quickness. He raises his game to the best competition. He just has a way of coming through and making the big plays. He has made a lot of good defensive backs look silly."

Adds one NFC scout: "Peter Warrick would have gone in the top five last year. If he has the type of year he's capable of, he'll win the Heisman and be the No. 1 pick."

Warrick caught 61 passes for 1,232 yards (20.2 yards per catch) and 12 touchdowns last year. He's a 6-0, 190-pounder

who runs a 4.4 40-yard dash.

The best running back in the next draft could be Wisconsin's battering ram, Ron Dayne, a 5-10, 260-pounder who rushed for 1,279 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. "He's got that low COG (center of gravity) and runs hard," one personnel director says. "He's kind of in the Jerome Bettis mold."

The 2000 draft likely will be short of top quarterbacks, although Louisville's Chris Redman might be close to the quality of the 1999 QB class. Redman threw for 4,042 yards and 29 touchdowns last year with only 15 interceptions. It was thought he might come out last year.

ROUND 1



R. Jay Soward



Drew Brees

1. Peter Warrick	WR	Florida State
2. Ron Dayne	RB	Wisconsin
3. *LaVar Arrington	LB	Penn State
4. R. Jay Soward	WR	USC
5. Chris Redman	QB	Louisville
6. Brandon Short	LB	Penn State
7. Robaire Smith	DE	Michigan State
8. Chris Samuels	OT	Alabama
9. Anthony Lucas	WR	Arkansas
10. Ralph Brown	CB	Nebraska
11. Chris McIntosh	OT	Wisconsin
12. Chad Clifton	OT	Tennessee
13. *Drew Brees	QB	Purdue
14. J. R. Redmond	RB	Arizona State
15. Rob Murphy	OL	Ohio State
16. Adewale Ogunleye	DE	Indiana
17. Dwayne Goodrich	DB	Tennessee
18. *Travis Minor	RB	Florida State
19. Courtney Brown	DE	Penn State
20. Rob Morris	LB	BYU
21. Laveranues Coles	WR	Florida State
22. Shaun Alexander	RB	Alabama
23. Sherrod Gideon	WR	S. Miss
24. Michael Wiley	RB	Ohio State
25. *Na'il Diggs	LB	Ohio State
26. Chris Combs	DL	Duke
27. Aaron Humphrey	DE	Texas
28. Ahmed Plummer	DB	Ohio State
29. Mark Roman	DB	LSU
30. Rob Riti	OL	Missouri
31. Danny Farmer	WR	UCLA

*Underclassman



Peter Warrick



Brandon Short

OTHERS TO WATCH: Trung Canidate, RB, Arizona; Jabari Issi, DT, Washington; Chad Pennington, QB, Marshall; Doug Johnson, QB, Florida; Casey Coleman, OT, Tennessee; Tim Rattay, QB, Louisiana Tech; Brian Darden, CB, Jackson State; *Jamal Lewis, RB, Tennessee; *Dez White, WR, Georgia Tech; Ibn Green, TE, Louisville; Dennis Northcutt, WR, Arizona; John Blick, OT, Penn State; Travis Prentice, RB, Miami, Ohio; Ryan Johanningmeier, OL, Colorado; *Reggie Wayne, WR, Miami; Rondell Mealey, RB, LSU; Corey Simon, DT, Florida State; Troy Walters, WR, Stanford; Brandon Spoon, LB, North Carolina; Marc Bulger, QB, West Virginia; Lester Towns, LB, Washington; Quinton Spotwood, WR, Syracuse.

*Underclassman

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WEEKLY (All Teams)	\$100 CASH	\$50 CASH	\$30 CASH	\$20 CASH	\$10 CASH	Congratulations! To Last Year's Winner Greg Gmitterko, Chanhassen, MN				

ENTRY COST

Entry Deadline	First Entry	Additional Entries
By July 24	\$29.95	\$24.95
By Aug. 14	\$39.95	\$34.95
By Sept. 11	\$49.95	\$44.95

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- Teams in each league are sorted by each team's total points. The team with the highest point total will be first and the team with the lowest point total will be last.
- To determine overall standings, all teams in *MSNBC Sports Fantasy Football* are sorted by each team's total points.
- Points are accumulated weekly for all 22 starting players and defense/special teams. The week begins with games played on Thursday and ends with games played on Monday. The game begins with Week 1.
- For each of your starting players whose NFL team wins that week, you will get three points. If your starting defense wins that week, you will get three points.
- Defense points allowed is based on the final score of the game versus the defense/special team selected.
- Yards from defense/special teams' returns do not count.
- Two point conversion points are awarded to the player scoring the conversion.

- Teams will receive 0.05 points for each passing yard and 0.10 points for each receiving or rushing yard.
- All points accumulated by the players on the starting lineup, regardless of what position they play during the season, contribute to a team's point totals.
- A player's points are added to your team's point totals only during the weeks that he is in your starting lineup.
- Bench players' points do not contribute to your team's point totals for the weeks they are not in the starting lineup.
- Points by a player before he was on your roster do not count.
- Pre-season, playoff, and pro bowl points do not contribute to your team's point totals.
- To determine weekly winners each Tuesday, the point totals from games played the previous 5 days (Thursday-Monday) will be used. First prizes will be awarded September 21, 1999, and will be based on games played September 19-20.

SCORING

PASSING		
Passing TD	3 Points	
20 Passing Yds*	1 Point	
RECEIVING		
Receiving TD	3 Points	
10 Receiving Yds**	1 Point	
2 pt. Conversion	2 Points	
RUSHING		
Rushing TD	6 Points	
10 Rushing Yds**	1 Point	
2 pt. Conversion	2 Points	
OTHER TD'S BY PLAYER		
Any other TD	6 Points	
Such as KO Return, Punt Return, Interception Return or a Recovery		
*0.05 Point awarded for each passing yard		
**0.10 Point awarded for each rushing or receiving yard		
KICKING		
Field Goal	3 Points	
Extra Point	1 Point	
DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS		
Shutout	15 Points	
1-10 Pts Allowed	10 Points	
11-20 Pts Allowed	5 Points	
Safety	2 Points	
Any Defensive or Special Teams TD	6 Points	
TEAM VICTORY		
Each Player	3 Points	
Def/Special Team	3 Points	

All values are in 000's. Values & Positions do not change. Bench can be made up of any mix of players & teams.

KICKERS			QUARTERBACKS			QUARTERBACKS (cont)			RUNNING BACKS			RUNNING BACKS (cont)			RUNNING BACKS (cont)				
NO	PLAYER	TM VAL	NO	PLAYER	TM VAL	NO	PLAYER	TM VAL	NO	PLAYER	TM VAL	NO	PLAYER	TM VAL	NO	PLAYER	TM VAL		
1	ANDERSON, GARY	MIN 3140	101	FAVRE, BRETT	GB 7060	130	KANELL, DANNY	ATL 2730	201	DAVIS, TERRELL	DEN 6900	218	LEVENS, DORSEY	GB 3610	247	FLETCHER, TERRELL	SD 1630		
2	DEL GRECO, AL	TEN 2950	102	YOUNG, STEVE	SF 6820	131	GEORGE, JEFF	MIN 2570	202	TAYLOR, FRED	JAC 5350	219	SMITH, ROBERT	MIN 3550	248	BENNETT, DONNELL	KC 1610		
3	CUNNINGHAM, RICHIE	DAL 2950	103	PLUMMER, JAKE	ARZ 6140	132	LEAF, RYAN	SD 2540	203	ANDERSON, JAMAL	ATL 5330	220	EDWARDS, ROBERT	NE 3400	249	JOHNSON, ANTHONY	CAR 1610		
4	LONGWELL, RYAN	GB 2890	104	TESTAVERDE, VINNY	NYJ 5890	133	GANNON, RICH	OAK 2530	204	SANDERS, BARRY	DET 5140	221	HOLMES, PRIEST	BAL 3370	250	JOHNSON, JAMES	MIA 1600		
5	VINATIERI, ADAM	NE 2810	105	BLEDSOE, DREW	NE 5700	134	WHELIHAN, CRAIG	SD 2460	205	WATTERS, RICKY	SEA 4870	222	ALLEN, TERRY	WAS 3170	251	KONRAD, ROB	MIA 1600		
6	HALL, JOHN	NYJ 2800	106	ELWAY, JOHN	N/A 5570	135	FREROTTE, GUS	DET 2450	206	FAULK, MARSHALL	STL 4770	223	KAUFMAN, NAPOLEON	OAK 3070	252	FAULK, KEVIN	NE 1600		
7	ELAM, JASON	DEN 2800	107	CUNNINGHAM, RANDALL	MIA 5540	136	GRAHAM, KENT	NYG 2300	207	SMITH, EMMITT	DAL 4610	224	HICKS, SKIP	WAS 3030	253	MONTGOMERY, JOE	NYG 1600		
8	HOLLIS, MIKE	JAC 2790	108	BRUNELL, MARK	JAC 5470	137	GRBAC, ELVIS	KC 2170	208	MARTIN, CURTIS	NYJ 4580	225	ALSTOTT, MIKE	TB 3010	254	CLOUD, MIKE	KC 1600		
9	CHRISTIE, STEVE	BUF 2630	109	MCNAIR, STEVE	TEN 5260	138	BRISTER, BUBBY	DEN 2120	209	GEORGE, EDDIE	TEN 4210	226	LANE, FRED	CAR 2800	255	FAZANDE, JERMAINE	SD 1600		
10	KASAY, JOHN	CAR 2550	110	MARINO, DAN	MIA 4970	139	COUCH, TIM	CLE 2000	210	HEARST, GARRISON	SF 4190	227	MEANS, NATRONE	SD 2550	256	GARNER, CHARLIE	N/A 1570		
11	MARE, OLINDO	MIA 2520	111	CHANDLER, CHRIS	ATL 4820	140	MCNABB, DONOVAN	PHI 2000	211	DILLON, COREY	CIN 4160	228	MORRIS, BAM	KC 2460	257	BATES, MARIO	ARZ 1460		
12	WILKINS, JEFF	STL 2510	112	STEWART, KODELL	PIT 4590	141	SMITH, AKILI	CIN 2000	212	BETTIS, JEROME	PIT 3990	229	AVERY, JOHN	MIA 2330	258	WILLIAMS, HARVEY	OAK 1460		
13	ANDERSEN, MORTON	ATL 2490	113	DILFER, TRENT	TB 4590	142	CULPEPPER, DAUNTE	MIN 2000	213	STALEY, DUCE	PHI 3920	230	THOMAS, THURMAN	BUF 2270	259	HILL, GREG	STL 1420		
14	BLANCHARD, CARY	WAS 2450	114	MANNING, PEYTON	IND 4400	143	MCNOWN, CADE	CHI 2000	214	ABDUL-JABBAR, KARIM	MIA 3860	231	BROWN, GARY	NYG 2230	260	HOLMES, DARICK	IND 1390		
15	STOYANOVICH, PETE	KC 2430	115	GREEN, TRENT	STL 4320	144	DETMER, TY	CLE 1990	215	DUNN, WARRICK	TB 3850	232	WARREN, CHRIS	DAL 2190	261	JOHNSON, LEON	NYJ 1290		
16	VANDERJAGT, MIKE	IND 2420	116	BANKS, TONY	BAL 4290	145	KING, SHAUN	TB 1600	216	SMITH, ANTOWAIN	BUF 3830	233	JAMES, EDDGERRIN	IND 2000	262	MITCHELL, BRIAN	WAS 1280		
17	PETERSON, TODD	SEA 2420	117	AIKMAN, TROY	DAL 4180	146	BOND, STEVE	CAR 1540	217	MURRELL, ADRIAN	ARZ 3690	234	WILLIAMS, RICKY	NO 2000	263	VARDELL, TOMMY	DET 1260		
18	JOHNSON, NORM	PIT 2420	118	JOHNSON, BRAD	WAS 3870	147	TOMCZAK, MIKE	PIT 1240			235	HOARD, LEROY	MIN 2000	264	HOLCOMBE, ROBERT	STL 1250			
19	RICHEY, WADE	SF 2400	119	FLUTIE, DOUG	BUF 3710	148	WUERFFEL, DANNY	NO 1230			236	HARRIS, RAYMONT	GB 1990	265	ZELLARS, RAY	NO 1230			
20	HANSON, JASON	DET 2350	120	COLLINS, KERRY	NYG 3560	149	JOHNSON, ROB	BUF 1140			237	LEE, AMP	STL 1960	266	BIKABUTUKA, TIM	CAR 1190			
21	STOVER, MATT	BAL 2240	121	BATCH, CHARLIE	DET 3540	150	PEDERSON, DOUG	PHI 1020			238	CENTERS, LARRY	ARZ 1930	267	DAVIS, STEPHEN	WAS 1020			
22	DALUIISO, BRAD	NYG 2190	122	HARBAUGH, JIM	SD 3420	151	FOLEY, GLENN	SEA 1020			239	SMITH, LAMAR	NO 1930	268	JERVEY, TRAVIS	SF 1000			
23	BONILLO, CHRIS	PHI 2140	123	MOON, WARREN	KC 3250	152	HOBERT, BILLY JOE	NO 1000			240	STEWART, JAMES T	JAC 1900	269	SHAW, SEDRICK	CLE 1000			
24	PELFREY, DOUG	CIN 2060	124	O'DONNELL, NEIL	N/A 3160									241	KIRBY, TERRY	CLE 1890	270	WHEATLEY, TYRONE	MIA 1000
25	BRIEN, DOUG	NO 2040	125	BLAKE, JEFF	CIN 3140									242	ANDERS, KIMBLE	KC 1960	271	BYNER, EARNEST	BAL 1000
26	HUSTED, MICHAEL	OAK 2000	126	KITNA, JON	SEA 3000									243	BARBER, TIKI	NYG 1820	272	GREEN, AHMAN	SEA 1000
27	JAEGER, JEFF	CHI 1970	127	MITCHELL, SCOTT	BAL 2880									244	WAY, CHARLES	NYG 1790	273	RHETT, ERRICT	BAL 1000
28	CARNEY, JOHN	SD 1870	128	KRAMER, ERIK	CHI 2770									245	BENNETT, EDGAR	KC 1740	274	THOMAS, RODNEY	TEN 1000
29	DAVIS, GREG	N/A 1790	129	BEUERLEIN, STEVE	CAR 2750									246	ENIS, CURTIS	CHI 1680	275	LOVILLE, DEREK	DEN 1000
30	NEDNEY, JOE	ARZ 1630																	
31	BLANTON, SCOTT	N/A 1630																	
32	DAWSON, PHIL	CLE 1000																	
33	GEORGE, MATT	TB 1000																	

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LINEUP

◆ Starting lineup consists of:

- 3-Kickers
- 3-Quarterbacks
- 6-Running Backs
- 2-Tight Ends
- 6-Wide Receivers
- 2-Defense/Special Teams

- ◆ Starting lineup value cannot exceed \$60,000,000.
- ◆ The bench consists of any 11 players and/or defense/special teams. They are your backups and may be placed onto your starting lineup for any reason (injury, poor performance, etc.)
- ◆ Value cap and position distribution rules do not apply for the bench, but do apply when switched onto the starting lineup.
- ◆ Unlisted players have a value of \$1,000,000. They must be placed on the bench until September 18th.

LEAGUES

- ◆ Leagues are formed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ◆ 25 teams form a league.
- ◆ All teams compete for the overall grand prize.
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LINEUP CHANGES

- ◆ To make lineup changes, a toll-free number and an account number will be provided, or you may make them via the Internet.
- ◆ The deadline for weekly lineup changes is Saturday at 9 PM CT for Sunday and Monday games, or by 9 PM CT the night before any other game (changes for Thursday games must be made by 9 PM Wednesday night). The first roster change deadline is Saturday, September 18th.
- ◆ The fees for lineup changes are as follows:
Any player move before the season starts (unlimited)\$1 each
Bench Switch (unlimited)\$2 each
New Player Purchase (limit 10)\$5 each
Bye Week Bench Switch (in or out)\$1 each

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TIGHT ENDS			WIDE RECEIVERS			WIDE RECEIVERS (cont)			WIDE RECEIVERS (cont)			DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS		
NO	PLAYER	VAL	NO	PLAYER	VAL	NO	PLAYER	VAL	NO	PLAYER	VAL	NO	TEAM	VAL
401	SHARPE, SHANNON	DEN 2550	501	MOSS, RANDY	MIN 4600	533	EMANUEL, BERT	TB 2240	565	BROOKS, ROBERT	GB 1620	801	GREEN BAY	3940
402	COATES, BEN	NE 1970	502	FREEMAN, ANTONIO	GB 3900	534	JACKSON, MICHAEL	BAL 2180	566	JOHNSON, KEVIN	CLE 1600	802	DALLAS	3630
403	WALLS, WESLEY	CAR 1760	503	SMITH, JIMMY	JAC 3410	535	SHEPHERD, LESLIE	CLE 2150	567	PRICE, PEERLESS	BUF 1600	803	DENVER	3400
404	WYCHECK, FRANK	TEN 1750	504	CARTER, CHRIS	MIN 3400	536	CONWAY, CURTIS	CHI 2150	568	DAVIS, WILLIE	TEN 1480	804	NY GIANTS	3240
405	ALEXANDER, STEPHEN WAS	1630	505	BROWN, TIM	OAK 3300	537	GLENN, TERRY	NE 2140	569	EARLY, QUINN	BUF 1450	805	SAN FRANCISCO	3040
406	JONES, FREDDIE	SD 1610	506	GALLOWAY, JOEY	SEA 3300	538	BRUCE, ISAAC	STL 2120	570	DAVIS, BILLY	DAL 1450	806	MIAMI	2870
407	DUDLEY, RICKY	OAK 1580	507	MOORE, HERMAN	DET 3210	539	CROWELL, GERMANE	DET 2100	571	HILLIARD, IKE	NYG 1420	807	PITTSBURGH	2750
408	GONZALEZ, TONY	KC 1470	508	MARTIN, TONY	MIA 3210	540	JEFFERSON, SHAWN	NE 2070	572	MICKENS, TERRY	OAK 1360	808	KANSAS CITY	2600
409	CLELAND, CAMERON	NO 1400	509	JOHNSON, KEYSNOWN	NYJ 3160	541	ISMAIL, RAGHIB	DAL 2070	573	PENN, CHRIS	CHI 1360	809	SEATTLE	2420
410	CHMURA, MARK	GB 1250	510	MOORE, ROB	ARZ 3130	542	POOLE, KEITH	NO 2030	574	JEFFERS, PATRICK	CAR 1350	810	NEW ENGLAND	2350
411	MOORE, DAVE	TB 1220	511	OWENS, TRELL	SF 3020	543	RISON, ANDRE	KC 2020	575	JONES, CHARLIE	SD 1320	811	NY JETS	2310
412	GLOVER, ANDREW	MIN 1200	512	MATHIS, TERENCE	ATL 2940	544	SIMMONS, TONY	NE 2010	576	WARD, DEDRIC	NYJ 1320	812	TAMPA BAY	2250
413	SANTIAGO, OJ	ATL 1160	513	ALEXANDER, DERRICK	KC 2910	545	HOLT, TORRY	STL 2000	577	CARRIER, MARK J	CAR 1310	813	MINNESOTA	2210
414	POLLARD, MARCUS	IND 1120	514	PICKENS, CARL	CIN 2850	546	BOSTON, DAVID	ARZ 2000	578	KENNISON, EDDIE	NO 1300	814	CAROLINA	2170
415	DRAYTON, TROY	MIA 1110	515	MCCARDLELL, KEENAN	JAC 2830	547	EDWARDS, TROY	PIT 2000	579	THOMAS, LAMAR	MIA 1290	815	JACKSONVILLE	2140
416	BREEN, ERIC	NYJ 1100	516	MCDUFFIE, O.J.	MIA 2780	548	DAWKINS, SEAN	SEA 1990	580	BROWN, TROY	NE 1280	816	WASHINGTON	2090
417	CLARK, GREG	SF 1080	517	IRVIN, MICHAEL	DAL 2770	549	ENGRAM, BOBBY	CHI 1980	581	METCALF, ERIC	ARZ 1230	817	OAKLAND	2030
418	MCGEE, TONY	CIN 1060	518	RICE, JERRY	SF 2770	550	RICKS, MIKHAEL	SD 1930	582	DYSON, KEVIN	TEN 1170	818	TENNESSEE	1990
419	MITCHELL, PETE	NYG 1050	519	SMITH, ROD	DEN 2740	551	PATTHON, ANDRE	IND 1920	583	GREEN, JACQUEZ	TB 1150	819	ATLANTA	1940
420	BJORNSON, ERIC	DAL 1030	520	SANDERS, FRANK	ARZ 2720	552	PROEHL, RICKY	STL 1870	584	TURNER, FLOYD	BAL 1150	820	NEW ORLEANS	1770
421	DAVIS, TYRONE	GB 1000	521	CHREBET, WAYNE	NYJ 2700	553	GADSDEN, ORONDE	MIA 1840	585	MCKNIGHT, JAMES	SEA 1110	821	BUFFALO	1730
422	DILGER, KEN	IND 1000	522	MORTON, JOHNNIE	DET 2610	554	STOKES, J.J.	SF 1840	586	SANDERS, CHRIS	TEN 1090	822	DETROIT	1600
423	ASHER, JAMIE	PHI 1000	523	MCCAFFREY, ED	DEN 2580	555	THIGPEN, YANCEY	TEN 1840	587	CONNELL, ALBERT	WAS 1080	823	BALTIMORE	1480
424	HARRIS, JACKIE	TEN 1000	524	HARRISON, MARVIN	IND 2490	556	HASTINGS, ANDRE	NO 1830	588	STILL, BRYAN	SD 1070	824	CHICAGO	1410
425	BRADY, KYLE	JAX 1000	525	REED, ANDRE	BUF 2480	557	MUHAMMAD, MUHSIN	CAR 1820	589	WILLIAMS, KARL	TB 1050	825	SAN DIEGO	1330
426	JOHNSON, LONNIE	KC 1000	526	MOULDS, ERIC	BUF 2410	558	SMALL, TORRANCE	PHI 1800	590	WARD, HINES	PIT 1000	826	PHILADELPHIA	1260
427	MAYES, ALONZO	CHI 1000	527	REED, JAKE	MIN 2400	559	WESTBROOK, MICHAEL	WAS 1800	591	MILLS, ERNIE	DAL 1000	827	INDIANAPOLIS	1120
428	FAURIA, CHRISTIAN	SEA 1000	528	JETT, JAMES	OAK 2390	560	PRITCHARD, MIKE	SEA 1800	592	HILL, RANDAL	NO 1000	828	ARIZONA	1000
429	SMITH, IRV	CLE 1000	529	SCOTT, DARNAY	CIN 2390	561	LEWIS, JERMAINE	BAL 1750	593	BLACKWELL, WILL	PIT 1000	829	ST LOUIS	1000
430	MCWILLIAMS, JOHNNY	ARZ 1000	530	CALLOWAY, CHRIS	ATL 2350	562	SCHROEDER, BILL	GB 1720	594	MAYES, DERRICK	GB 1000	830	CINCINNATI	1000
431	LAFLUR, DAVID	DAL 1000	531	ANTHONY, REIDEL	TB 2330	563	GRAHAM, JEFF	SD 1720	595	CARRUTH, RAE	CAR 1000	831	CLEVELAND	1000
432	BRUENER, MARK	PIT 1000	532	JOHNSON, CHARLES	PHI 2310	564	HAWKINS, COURTNEY	PIT 1700	596	DWIGHT, TIM	ATL 1000			

ADDITIONAL RULES

- ◆ For Canadian entries, please add \$15 to your entry fee to cover additional mailing costs. All dollar amounts indicated are payable in U.S. dollars.
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STARTING LINEUP VALUE

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1999 PREDICTIONS





NFC EAST

1. Dallas Cowboys
2. Arizona Cardinals*
3. Washington Redskins
4. New York Giants
5. Philadelphia Eagles

NFC CENTRAL

1. Minnesota Vikings
2. Green Bay Packers*
3. Tampa Bay Buccaneers*
4. Detroit Lions
5. Chicago Bears

NFC WEST

1. Atlanta Falcons
2. San Francisco 49ers
3. New Orleans Saints
4. St. Louis Rams
5. Carolina Panthers

AFC EAST

1. Miami Dolphins
2. New York Jets*
3. Buffalo Bills*
4. New England Patriots
5. Indianapolis Colts

AFC CENTRAL

1. Jacksonville Jaguars
2. Pittsburgh Steelers
3. Tennessee Titans
4. Baltimore Ravens
5. Cleveland Browns
6. Cincinnati Bengals

AFC WEST

1. Denver Broncos
2. Seattle Seahawks*
3. Kansas City Chiefs
4. Oakland Raiders
5. San Diego Chargers

SUPER BOWL

**Minnesota Vikings
over
Denver Broncos**

*Indicates Wild Card

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The Dolphins may now have the backfield to win the ground war required for an AFC East title.

by Larry Felser Buffalo News

Predicted order of finish



The day Denver's John Elway announced his retirement the entire AFC was thrown up for grabs and no group was more delighted than the AFC East, the most competitive division in the NFL. Four of its five teams went to the playoffs a year ago and the hand-to-hand combat should be even more fierce in 1999.

The keys to survival in the East are running backs. Stretch runs are fought mostly in the Northeast when the wind comes in gales and the frost is on the passing game. Any team without a viable rushing attack is a longshot to play past New Year's.

There is always the other side of the story, in this case the other side of the line of scrimmage. Part of every coach's mantra is "we have to run and stop the run." That's how most of the AFC East playoff teams made it to the postseason last year. Buffalo's defense finished fifth in the NFL against the run, Miami sixth and New England seventh.

The Jets finished in the middle of the pack, 14th, but they look stronger in that category already. The signing of Denver's longtime star safety, Steve Atwater, was designed not so much for better pass coverage as it was to improve the anti-run defense. Atwater is much slower than he was in his salad days, but he still hits like a linebacker. He is a fine Option B. Also signed was the Rams' solid outside linebacker, Roman Phifer. The bonus would be if, as expected, often-injured Marvin Jones is able to join Bryan Cox as a formidable middle-linebacking tandem. Jones missed last season, but if he remains healthy he could take the Jets up the statistical scale.

If rookie Andy Katzenmoyer develops as quickly as the Patriots hope, he could team with run-killing middle linebacker Ted Johnson to give New England some added defensive quickness.

The Bills' defense against the infantry starts with Pro Bowl nose tackle Ted Washington, who's as easy to move as Stone Mountain. The improvement should come with the experience gained by inside linebacker Sam Cowart as the result of his rookie season as a starter. The bonus addition is this year's top rookie, Antoine Winfield, reputed to be the best-tackling cornerback to come into the NFL in a decade.

Indianapolis has the greatest distance to make

up against the run. The Colts finished next-to-last in the NFL. They made a great number of improvements over the winter and spring, but playing the run wasn't one of them. The best they can hope for is that free agent linebacker Cornelius Bennett has some range left and free agent strong safety Chad Cota will put some punch in the interior defense.

Miami Dolphins

Jimmy Johnson football is running football, but until now Miami hasn't been able to play it. All of a sudden, through the luck of the draft, the Dolphins have their best ground possibilities since the Larry Csonka-Jim Kiick-Mercury Morris

teams of a quarter century ago. Rookies James Johnson, Rob Konrad and Cecil Collins might chase the incumbents right out of the picture.

New York Jets

The glamour part of the defending champion Jets is their quick-strike versatility through

the air, with Vinny Testaverde passing to such brilliant receivers as Keyshawn Johnson, Wayne Chrebet and Dedric Ward. But the truth is that New York goes as running back Curtis Martin goes.

Buffalo Bills

In Buffalo, the Bills are prepared for whatever blows in from Lake Erie, with a platoon of young ball-carriers like Antowain Smith, Jonathan Linton and rookie Shawn Bryson to go with veteran Thurman Thomas.

New England Patriots

New England was stripped of its meal-ticket ball-carrier for the second consecutive offseason. In '98 it was the free-agent signing of Curtis Martin by the Jets. Last winter, it was a freak accident while playing beach football in Hawaii that eliminated Robert Edwards for the season. The Pats need to get lucky with second-round draft choice Kevin Faulk of LSU.

Indianapolis Colts

On a move to accommodate the salary cap, Indianapolis traded its star back, Marshall Faulk, but if the Colts' decision on draft day was on target, their running game will be equally potent with rookie Edgerrin James.

TOP PLAYERS

Offense:

Curtis Martin, RB, New York Jets

Defense:

Sam Madison, CB, Miami Dolphins

Newcomer:

Peerless Price, WR, Buffalo Bills



Armed with a bevy of backs, Jimmy Johnson now gets to play his kind of football in Miami.

Last winter Jimmy Johnson was so discouraged about the lack of progress the Dolphins made since he assumed command from Don Shula that he actually resigned as coach for a few hours. Cooler heads prevailed and now J.J. has a rejuvenated running game and a far brighter future in the AFC East.

There is an ancient saying among football coaches: "He's our man—until we get somebody better."

That's been the case with Johnson's frustrated desire to use a ground attack rather than Dan Marino's passing. Miami's luck on draft day should enable Johnson to replace inferior talent and play the sort of offense he wants.

The ground war

Johnson dealt out of the first round and still found himself in position to draft both his running back namesake, **James Johnson** of Mississippi State, and the best fullback on the board, Syracuse's **Rob Konrad**, who's so versatile the Dolphins can use him as an H-back to make use of his superb hands.

The addition of Johnson and Konrad also allowed Johnson to roll the dice on troubled Cecil Collins and correct a mistake he made in last year's draft. **John Avery**, 1998's No. 1 pick, may now assume the role for which he is better fitted: the third-down back who also can be used in specialty situations when top speed is required. If Collins behaves himself off the field—he was dropped by both LSU and McNeese State for conduct unbecoming—he could be the best Dolphin speed back since Mercury Morris.

This is Johnson's type of situation. He added another free agent offensive line mauler, left guard

Kevin Gogan, to go with last year's addition, right guard Kevin Donnalley, which should help create a healthy inside running game. There are competent veterans, **Richmond Webb** and **Tim Ruddy**, at left tackle and center. The Dolphins will make do with **James Brown** at right tackle.

Marino independence

The additions should dilute the dependence on Marino, who enters his 17th pro season at age 38. He's far from his prime. His efficiency rating of 80 was ninth in the AFC. Johnson has been attempting to get out from under the shadow of Marino since he took the Dolphins job.

The fact is, however, that they wouldn't have made the playoffs last year had not Johnson ceded the offense back to the future Hall of Famer. It's something that grates on J.J.'s desires. He hasn't gone out of his way to provide Marino with receiving help, so Danny has had to depend upon O.J. McDuffie, a short, not-so-fast veteran who caught 90 passes but didn't score until midseason. This spring free agent **Tony Martin** was signed from Atlanta, but he must stand trial in a money-laundering rap and who knows if he'll even be available?

If Martin is unavailable, Arena League graduate **Oronde Gadsden** will start again. Look for Miami to use more double-tight end formations to enhance the ground game. Starter **Troy Drayton** has been a disappointment, but he and **Ed Perry** are sturdy blockers.

Assuming the Dolphins' running game is markedly improved, that's half of the Johnson formula for victory: run and play defense. The

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	308.1	16
Rushing	95.9	24
Passing	212.2	10
Scoring	20.1	16
Punt Returns	11.8	9
Kick Returns	24.5	5
Total Defense	277.2	3
Against Rush	94.4	6
Against Pass	182.8	6
Pts Allowed	16.6	11
Interceptions	29	1
Sacks	44	8
Turnover Diff.	+8	7

At 37, quarterback Dan Marino (center) will be relying more than ever on rushers like Karim Abdul-Jabbar (left) and leading Dolphin receiver O.J. McDuffie to make his job just a little bit easier.



99 DOLPHINS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 3

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17



Linebacker Zach Thomas, Miami's defensive captain, led the Dolphins in tackles with 160, his third straight 100-tackle season.

defense is close to being where it wants to be. They finished third in the NFL last season, allowing opponents 15 points or less in nine games.

Loaded on the line

The heart of the Miami defense is its line, which comes at an opponent in two waves. Of their eight main players, six are 26 or younger. This spring they added free agent **Rich Owens** from Washington. In the middle is 630 pounds of orneriness, **Tim Bowens** and **Daryl Gardener**. **Kenny Mixon** started at left end as a rookie, but on passing downs another rookie, **Lorenzo Bromell**, came in to record eight sacks. On the right side, **Jason Taylor** had nine sacks despite missing time because of injuries. He can be a liability against the run. **Trace Armstrong**, the graybeard at 34, led Miami with 10.5 sacks.

With Bowens and Gardener caving in the middle, protecting undersized middle linebacker **Zach Thomas**, he can roam all over the field making plays. **Robert Jones** made a smooth switch from middle to left outside linebacker when he came from the Rams. Right linebacker **Derrick Rodgers** can run with most linebackers in the NFL.

Pick-off pair

The cornerbacks, **Terrell Buckley** on the left side and **Sam Madison** on the right, combined for more interceptions, 16, than any pair in the NFL. Free safety **Brock Marion** didn't have any interceptions, but he came over from Dallas to give Johnson an experienced traffic cop in the secondary. **Shawn Wooden** was OK as the strong safety. The youngster most likely to make a move this season is **Patrick Surtain**.

The return game is big strength, with Avery and Buckley.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Jimmy Johnson, Head Coach

Kippy Brown, Offensive Coordinator; **George Hill**, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers; **Joel Collier**, Running Backs; **Robert Ford**, Receivers; **John Gamble**, Strength and Conditioning; **Cary Godette**, Defensive Line; **Pat Jones**, Tight Ends; **Les Koenning**, Offensive Staff Assistant; **Bill Lewis**, Defensive Nickel Package; **Rich McGeorge**, Assistant Offensive Line; **Mel Phillips**, Secondary; **Brad Roll**, Assistant Strength and Conditioning; **Larry Seiple**, Quarterbacks; **Randy Shannon**, Defensive Assistant; **Mike Westhoff**, Special Teams

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
13	Marino, Dan	QB 6-4	224	09/15/61	16	Pittsburgh
7	Erickson, Craig	QB 6-2	209	05/17/69	6	Miami (FL)
11	Huard, Damon	QB 6-3	220	07/09/73	1	Washington
14	Gonzalez, Dan	QB 6-2	209	09/20/74	0	East Carolina
17	Doxzon, Todd	QB 6-1	191	03/28/75	1	Iowa State
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
65	Donnalley, Kevin	G 6-5	305	06/10/68	8	North Carolina
78	Webb, Richmond	T 6-6	303	01/11/67	9	Texas A&M
66	Gogan, Kevin	G 6-7	325	11/02/64	12	Washington
76	Brown, James	T 6-6	329	01/03/70	6	Virginia State
61	Ruddy, Tim	C 6-3	290	04/27/72	5	Notre Dame
60	Bock, John	C 6-3	295	02/11/71	4	Indiana State
68	Sheldon, Mike	T 6-4	295	06/08/73	2	Grand Valley State
71	Reem, Matt	T 6-6	270	12/23/72	0	Minnesota
74	Smith, Brent	T 6-6	296	11/21/73	1	Mississippi State
63	Dixon, Mark	G 6-4	300	11/26/70	1	Virginia
67	Stokes, Barry	T 6-4	315	12/20/73	1	Eastern Michigan
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
30	Parmalee, Bernie	RB 5-11	196	09/16/67	7	Ball State
42	Potts, Roosevelt	RB 6-0	250	01/08/71	5	Northeast Louisiana
28	Wheatley, Tyrone	RB 6-0	228	01/19/72	4	Michigan
33	Abdul-Jabbar, Karim	RB 5-10	194	06/28/74	3	UCLA
36	Pritchett, Stanley	RB 6-1	232	12/12/73	3	South Carolina
48	Barber, Kantroy	RB 6-0	243	10/04/73	0	West Virginia
20	Nealy, Ray	RB 5-11	220	04/30/75	1	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
20	Avery, John	RB 5-10	188	11/01/76	1	Mississippi
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
80	Martin, Tony	WR 6-0	181	09/05/65	9	Mesa State
81	McDuffie, O.J.	WR 5-10	188	12/02/69	6	Penn State
84	Drayton, Troy	TE 6-3	255	06/29/70	6	Penn State
85	Thomas, Lamar	WR 6-2	173	02/12/70	6	Miami (FL)
88	Jordan, Charles	WR 5-11	183	10/09/69	5	Long Beach City College
49	Brady, Rickey	TE 6-4	246	11/19/70	1	Oklahoma
87	Goodwin, Hunter	TE 6-5	274	10/10/72	3	Texas A&M
85	Green, Willie	WR 6-4	188	04/02/66	7	Mississippi
80	Uwaezuoke, Iheanyi	WR 6-2	195	07/24/73	3	California
86	Gadsden, Oronde	WR 6-3	216	08/20/71	1	Winston-Salem
83	Lusk, Henry	TE 6-1	240	05/08/72	2	Utah
	Green, Yatil	WR 6-3	200	11/25/73	0	Miami (FL)
88	Jacquet, Nate	WR 6-0	175	09/02/72	2	San Diego State
89	Perry, Ed	TE 6-4	245	09/01/74	2	James Madison
	Shannon, Larry	WR 6-5	210	02/02/75	0	East Carolina
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
93	Armstrong, Trace	DE 6-4	266	10/05/65	10	Florida
95	Bowens, Tim	DT 6-4	310	02/07/73	5	Mississippi
96	Owens, Rich	DE 6-6	279	05/22/72	3	Lehigh
92	Gardener, Daryl	DT 6-6	320	02/25/73	3	Baylor
75	Burton, Shane	DT 6-6	300	01/18/74	3	Tennessee
99	Taylor, Jason	DE 6-5	240	09/01/74	2	Akron
72	Tanner, Barron	DT 6-3	310	09/14/73	2	Oklahoma
79	Mixon, Kenny	DE 6-4	258	03/31/75	1	Louisiana State
91	Bromell, Lorenzo	DE 6-6	250	09/23/75	1	Clemson
	Simpson, Antoine	NT 6-3	296	12/07/76	0	Houston
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
27	Buckley, Terrell	CB 5-9	176	06/07/71	7	Florida State
25	Jeffries, Greg	S 5-9	184	10/16/71	6	Virginia
31	Marion, Brock	S 5-11	197	06/11/70	6	Nevada
38	Jackson, Calvin	S 5-9	185	10/28/72	5	Auburn
24	Wilson, Jerry	CB 5-10	184	07/17/73	3	Southern University
26	McDaniel, Emmanuel	CB 5-9	182	07/27/72	2	East Carolina
21	Stewart, Rayna	S 5-10	192	06/18/73	3	Northern Arizona
22	Wooden, Shawn	S 5-11	186	10/23/73	3	Notre Dame
45	Walker, Brian	S 6-2	191	05/31/72	3	Washington State
29	Madison, Sam	CB 5-11	174	04/23/74	2	Louisville
48	Wimberly, Marcus	S 5-11	192	07/08/74	1	Miami (FL)
23	Surtain, Patrick	CB 6-0	190	05/19/76	1	Southern Mississippi
28	Hill, Raymond	S 6-0	182	08/07/75	1	Michigan State
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
50	Hollier, Dwight	LB 6-2	250	04/21/69	7	North Carolina
52	Jones, Robert	LB 6-3	242	09/27/69	7	East Carolina
54	Thomas, Zach	LB 5-11	231	09/01/73	3	Texas Tech
57	Brigance, O.J.	LB 6-0	223	09/29/69	3	Rice
51	Harris, Anthony	LB 6-1	224	01/25/73	3	Auburn
53	Izzo, Larry	LB 5-10	220	09/26/74	2	Rice
53	Burroughs, Sammie	LB 6-0	215	06/21/73	2	Portland State
59	Rodgers, Derrick	LB 6-2	220	10/14/71	2	Arizona State
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
10	Mare, Olindo	K 5-10	178	06/06/73	2	Syracuse
3	Gallery, Nick	P 6-4	245	02/15/75	1	Iowa

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
2	39	Johnson, James	RB	6-2	234	04/24/74	Mississippi State
2	43	Konrad, Rob	CB	6-3	250	11/12/76	Syracuse
3	72	Ruegamer, Grey	C	6-5	304	06/01/76	Arizona State
5	134	Collins, Cecil	RB	5-10	205	03/01/79	McNeese State
5	142	Jones, Bryan	LB	6-4	217	12/21/75	Oregon State
6	192	Bartholomew, Brent	P	6-2	210	10/22/76	Ohio State
7	232	Hailey, Jermaine	DT	6-0	200	—	Butte
7	244	Wong, Joe	G	6-6	315	02/24/76	Brigham Young

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 10, Lost 6

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 24-15	at Indianapolis
09/13	W 13-7	Buffalo
09/20	W 21-0	Pittsburgh
10/04	L 9-20	at NY Jets
10/12	L 21-28	at Jacksonville
10/18	W 14-0	St. Louis
10/25	W 12-9	New England
11/01	L 24-30	at Buffalo
11/08	W 27-14	Indianapolis
11/15	W 13-9	at Carolina
11/23	L 23-26	at N. England
11/29	W 30-10	New Orleans
12/06	W 27-17	at Oakland
12/13	L 16-21	NY Jets
12/21	W 31-21	Denver
12/27	L 16-38	at Atlanta

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Abdul-Jabbar	270	960	3.6	45	6
Avery	143	503	3.5	44	2
Parmalee	8	20	2.5	10	0
Pritchett	6	19	3.2	11	1
Moore	4	12	3.0	4	0
McDuffie	3	11	3.7	5	0
Lusk	1	7	7.0	7	0
Doxzon	2	6	3.0	3	0
Marino	21	-3	-0.1	10	1
Team	458	1535	3.4	45	10
Opponents	395	1511	3.8	77	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
McDuffie	90	1050	11.7	61	7
Gadsden	48	713	14.9	50	7
Thomas	43	603	14.0	56	5
Drayton	30	334	11.1	35	3
Perry	25	255	10.2	46	0
Abdul-Jabbar	21	102	4.9	18	0
Parmalee	21	221	10.5	23	0
Pritchett	17	97	5.7	24	0
Avery	10	67	6.7	19	1
Jacquet	8	122	15.3	29	0
Jordan	2	17	8.5	9	0
Moore	1	1	1.0	1	0
Team	316	3582	11.3	61	23
Opponents	252	3194	12.7	62	17

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Marino	537	310	3497	23	15
Huard	9	6	85	0	1
Team	546	316	3582	23	16
Opponents	504	252	3194	17	29

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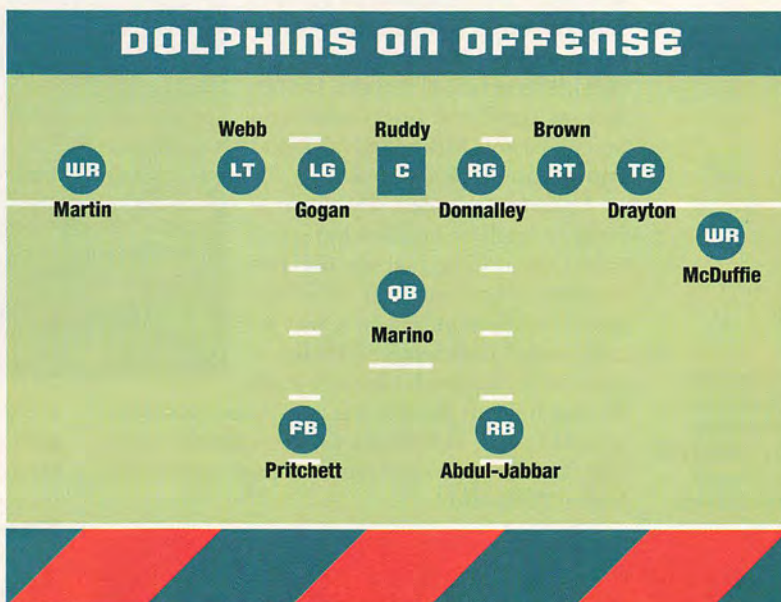
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Team 45.0, Opponents 24.0

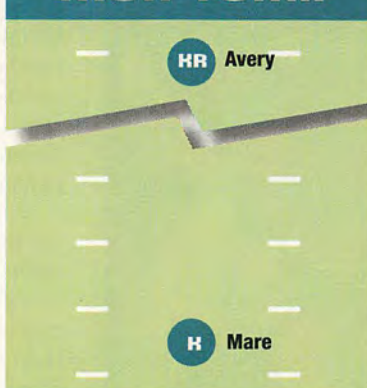
1999 PROJECTED STARTERS



DOLPHINS ON DEFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM





Free-agent acquisitions and Curtis Martin should be enough to keep Jets flying high.

You need true grit to win a division as competitive as the AFC East and the Jets had it a year ago. They won seven of eight games on the road, seven of eight against teams from their division, six in a row on the blustery days from mid-November to the end of the season, and outscored their opponents 213-122 in the second half.

Winning the free agent war

The Jets will need all of that grit again this season in a division where at least three of their rivals improved themselves significantly. Winning the free agent war again would help. Bill Parcells signed Denver's longtime star free safety, **Steve Atwater**, Rams right outside linebacker **Roman Phifer**, Ravens tight end **Eric Green** and defensive end **Mike Frederick** and Patriots punter **Tom Tupa**.

Atwater, released by Denver because it felt he had lost too much speed, is not as fast as the Jets wanted, either, but their defensive guru, Bill Belichick, has a way of concealing deficiencies. Phifer is especially valuable because he stays on the field in special packages and plays on special teams. The troubled Green doesn't seem like Parcells' type of player, but then neither did Vinny Testaverde.

Mo Lewis will team with free agent Roman Phifer to give the Jets a deadly outside LB duo.

Vinny chills out

Before his first season as a Jet, Vinny's picture could have appeared in the dictionary alongside the word "underachieve." For all his talent, the big guy had neither the self-confidence nor the moxie an NFL quarterback needs to win on a large scale. Testaverde always made the killer mistake in the crucial situations. As a Jet, Parcells blew smoke rings of confidence his way and also did the heavy-duty thinking. A relaxed Vinny led the AFC in passing efficiency, threw 29 touchdown passes, won the big games and went to the Pro Bowl.

Three of the four major free agents of '98 went to the Pro Bowl: Testaverde in the regular election with center **Kevin Mawae** and running back **Curtis Martin** as alternates. The fourth, inside linebacker **Bryan Cox**, turned over an amazing new leaf and won the team's Dennis Byrd Award for inspirational play.

It's a good thing Parcells has such a nice touch recognizing veteran talent for free agency, since he's been a near zero in the college draft since coming to the Jets. Just two marginal starters, nose tackle **Jason Ferguson** and left offensive tackle **Jason Fabini**, came out of his drafts.

the numbers

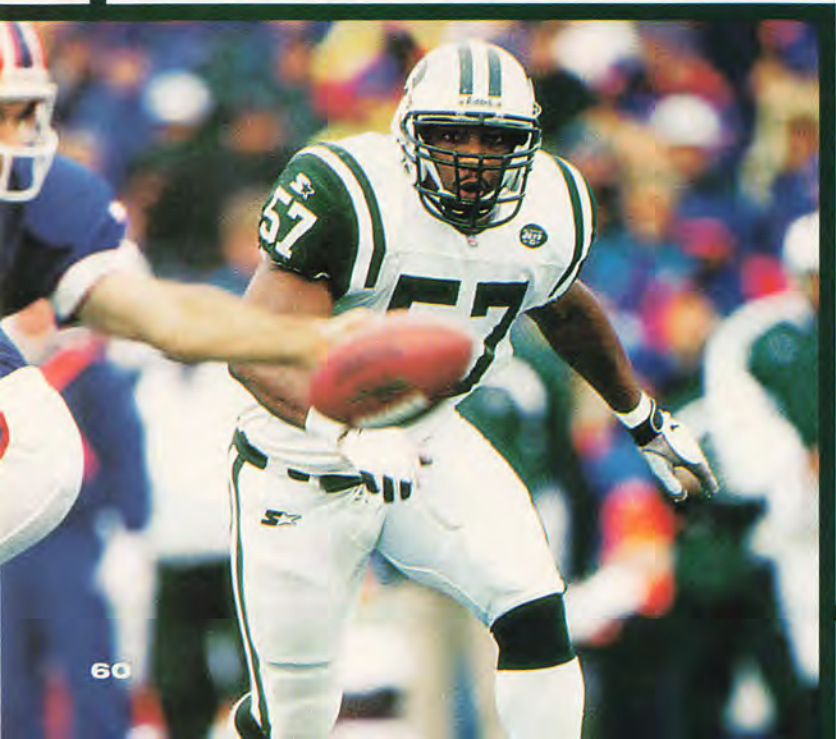
team stats & league rank

Total Offense	357.2	4
Rushing	117.4	13
Passing	239.8	4
Scoring	26.0	5
Punt Returns	7.3	27
Kick Returns	22.5	15
Total Defense	293.7	7
Against Rush	103.7	14
Against Pass	190.0	9
Pts Allowed	16.6	11
Interceptions	21	41
Sacks	35	24
Turnover Diff.	+6	10

Keyshawn finds his keys

The gaudiest portion of the offensive lineup is the wide receiver. **Keyshawn Johnson** reached the point where he takes over games and dominates them. He caught 83 passes for 1,131 yards and 10 touchdowns in an offense that liberally distributes the ball. Right behind him is the underrated **Wayne Chrebet** with 75 catches for 1,083 yards and eight touchdowns. In case any defense wants to cook up special coverages for them, there is young and speedy **Dedric Ward**. Parcells may get more out of Green than he did out of young Kyle Brady, who defected to Jacksonville.

With that sort of talent Parcells can't avoid having an aerial circus, as much as he'd like to. He's more comfortable controlling the ball, which he does with Martin on the field. The ex-Patriot star carried the ball 369 times, more than anyone in the NFL except for the Super Bowl workhorses Terrell Davis of Denver and Jamal Anderson of Atlanta. Martin's fullback is



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In 1998, Vinny Testaverde (left) found his career again and hard-working wide receiver Wayne Chrebet 75 times for 1,083 yards and eight touchdowns.

Jerald Sowell, who touched the ball only 50 times last season. Versatile Leon Johnson is most dangerous as a pass receiver.

Parcells drafted four guards, partly because he was unhappy with Todd Burger and partly because he was incensed at Matt O'Dwyer's salary demands. Erik Norgard, a career backup with the Tennessee Titans, was signed as a free agent. Of the rookies, Randy Thomas of Mississippi State and David Loverne of San Jose State have the best chances. Mawae should be the center for a football generation. Fabini is the right tackle and veteran Jumbo Elliott is on the left.

Bringing the outside heat

The strength of the defense is in the linebacking. That's why the Jets switched to a 3-4 alignment. No team in the division has a better outside tandem than Phifer and Mo Lewis, who went to the Pro Bowl. Parcells is eligible for membership in the American Psychiatric Association for the job he did on Cox's head. In a calm state, Cox made some very big plays.

The defensive line is populated by strangers. Of the Jets' 36 sacks, only journeyman end Anthony Pleasant contributed a significant number, six. Lewis, Cox and Cascadden are the attackers. Rick Lyle plays left end and Pleasant right, but Frederick may figure in that mix. Ferguson is a natural nose tackle. Left corner Aaron Glenn is the only solid starter in the defensive backfield. Strong safety Victor Green is tough against the run, but Belichick is looking for better than feast-or-famine right corner Otis Smith. A youngster to watch is Scott Frost, the ex-Nebraska option quarterback.

Tupa provides reliable punting while field-goaler John Hall provides the adventure. Hall may kick a 60-yarder but he also missed four kicks inside the 40. The return game is so-so.

NEW YORK JETS

Bill Parcells, Head Coach

Bill Belichick, Assistant Head Coach and Secondary; Maurice Carthon, Running Backs; Romeo Crennel, Defensive Line; Al Groh, Linebackers; Todd Haley, Offensive Assistant/Quality Control; Dan Henning, Quarterbacks; Pat Hodgson, Tight Ends; John Lott, Strength and Conditioning; Eric Mangini, Defensive Assistant; Bill Muir, Offensive Line; Mike Sweatman, Special Teams; Charlie Weis, Wide Receivers

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
16	Testaverde, Vinny	QB 6-5	227	11/13/63	12	Miami (FL)
	Zolak, Scott	QB 6-5	235	12/13/67	6	Maryland
6	Lucas, Ray	QB 6-2	201	08/06/72	3	Rutgers
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
65	Hudson, John	C 6-2	276	01/29/68	8	Auburn
76	Elliott, Jumbo	T 6-7	308	04/01/65	11	Michigan
64	Norgard, Erik	G 6-1	282	11/04/65	8	Colorado
67	Gisler, Mike	C 6-4	300	08/26/69	6	Houston
68	Mawae, Kevin	C 6-4	296	01/23/71	5	Louisiana State
71	Jenkins, Kerry	T 6-6	320	09/06/73	2	Troy State
66	Bernstein, Alex	G 6-3	325	08/11/75	0	Amherst
69	Fabini, Jason	T 6-7	320	08/25/74	1	Cincinnati
60	Karczewski, Doug	G 6-5	284	02/06/75	0	Virginia
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
20	Anderson, Richie	RB 6-2	225	09/13/71	6	Penn State
28	Martin, Curtis	RB 5-11	203	05/01/73	4	Pittsburgh
32	Johnson, Leon	RB 6-1	210	07/13/74	2	North Carolina
33	Sowell, Jerald	RB 6-0	248	01/21/74	2	Tulane
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
86	Green, Eric	TE 6-5	285	06/22/67	9	Liberty
82	Mitchell, Johnny	TE 6-3	241	01/20/71	5	Nebraska
84	Baxter, Fred	TE 6-3	260	06/14/71	6	Auburn
80	Chrebet, Wayne	WR 5-10	185	08/14/73	4	Hofstra
19	Johnson, Keyshawn	WR 6-3	215	07/22/72	3	Southern California
89	Ward, Dedric	WR 5-9	179	09/29/74	2	Northern Iowa
82	Spence, Blake	TE 6-4	250	06/20/75	1	Oregon
	Brazzell, Chris	WR 6-2	180	05/22/76	0	Angelo State
	Hart, Lawrence	TE 6-3	257	09/19/76	0	Southern University
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
98	Pleasant, Anthony	DE 6-5	280	01/27/68	9	Tennessee State
93	Logan, Ernie	DT 6-3	290	05/18/68	7	East Carolina
95	Lyle, Rick	DE 6-5	280	02/26/71	4	Missouri
94	Frederick, Mike	DE 6-5	280	08/06/72	4	Virginia
92	Hamilton, Bobby	DE 6-5	280	01/07/71	3	Southern Mississippi
72	Ferguson, Jason	DT 6-3	305	11/28/74	2	Georgia
97	Boose, Dorian	DE 6-6	282	01/29/74	1	Washington State
75	Hansen, Carl	DT 6-5	280	01/25/76	1	Stanford
99	Ogbogu, Eric	DE 6-4	256	07/18/75	1	Maryland
61	Bell, Geno	DT 6-3	290	06/03/75	0	Arkansas
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
45	Smith, Otis	CB 5-11	190	10/22/65	8	Missouri
27	Atwater, Steve	S 6-3	217	10/28/66	10	Arkansas
26	Henderson, Jerome	S 5-10	188	08/08/69	8	Clemson
44	Brown, Corwin	S 6-1	200	04/25/70	6	Michigan
21	Green, Victor	CB 5-9	205	12/08/69	6	Akron
31	Glenn, Aaron	CB 5-9	185	07/16/72	5	Texas A&M
24	Mickens, Ray	CB 5-8	180	01/04/73	3	Texas A&M
42	Coleman, Marcus	S 6-2	205	05/24/74	3	Texas Tech
30	Hayes, Chris	S 5-11	200	05/07/72	3	Washington State
47	Frost, Scott	S 6-3	220	01/04/75	1	Nebraska
23	Williams, Kevin	S 6-0	190	08/04/75	1	Oklahoma State
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
57	Lewis, Mo	LB 6-3	255	10/21/69	8	Georgia
58	Phifer, Roman	LB 6-2	239	03/05/68	8	UCLA
51	Cox, Bryan	LB 6-4	250	02/17/68	8	Western Illinois
54	Gordon, Dwayne	LB 6-1	240	11/02/69	6	New Hampshire
55	Jones, Marvin	LB 6-2	250	06/28/72	5	Florida State
50	Holmberg, Rob	LB 6-3	230	05/06/71	5	Penn State
56	Powell, Craig	LB 6-4	235	11/13/71	3	Ohio State
53	Cascadden, Chad	LB 6-1	235	05/14/72	4	Wisconsin
58	Farrior, James	LB 6-2	229	01/06/75	2	Virginia
	Dailey, Casey	LB 6-3	251	06/11/75	0	Northwestern
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
19	Tupa, Tom	P 6-4	220	02/06/66	10	Ohio State
17	Kidd, John	P 6-3	214	08/22/61	15	Northwestern
9	Hall, John	K 6-2	222	03/17/74	2	Wisconsin

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RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
2	57	Thomas, Randy	G	6-4	282	01/19/76	Mississippi State
3	90	Loverne, David	G	6-3	297	05/22/76	San Jose State
4	123	Wiltz, Jason	DT	6-4	310	11/23/76	Nebraska
5	162	Jones, Jermaine	CB	5-7	172	07/25/76	Northwestern State
6	183	Megna, Marc	LB	6-2	255	07/30/76	Richmond
6	197	Machado, J.P.	G	6-5	300	01/06/76	Illinois
7	223	Young, Ryan	T	6-6	330	06/28/76	Kansas State
7	235	Syvud, J.J.	DE	6-0	200	—	Jamestown

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 12, Lost 4

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	L 30-36	at S. Francisco
09/13	L 10-24	Baltimore
09/20	W 44-6	Indianapolis
10/04	W 20-9	Miami
10/11	L 10-30	at St. Louis
10/19	W 24-14	at N. England
10/25	W 28-3	Atlanta
11/01	W 20-17	at Kansas City
11/08	W 34-12	Buffalo
11/15	L 23-24	at Indianapolis
11/22	W 24-3	at Tennessee
11/29	W 48-21	Carolina
12/06	W 32-31	Seattle
12/13	W 21-16	at Miami
12/19	W 17-10	at Buffalo
12/27	W 31-10	New England

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Martin	369	1287	3.5	60	8
L. Johnson	41	185	4.5	40	2
Sowell	40	164	4.1	33	0
Testaverde	24	104	4.3	25	1
K. Johnson	2	60	30.0	35	1
Byars	4	34	8.5	13	0
Meggett	7	24	3.4	18	0
Lucas	5	23	4.6	16	0
Ward	2	7	3.5	4	0
Anderson	1	2	2.0	2	0
Foley	5	-11	-2.2	-1	0
Team	500	1879	3.8	60	12
Opponents	400	1659	4.1	96	11

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
K. Johnson	83	1131	13.6	41	10
Chreibet	75	1083	14.4	63	8
Martin	43	365	8.5	23	1
Brady	30	315	10.5	35	5
Byars	26	258	9.9	29	3
Ward	25	477	19.1	71	4
L. Johnson	13	222	17.1	82	2
Sowell	10	59	5.9	13	0
Van Dyke	5	40	8.0	15	0
Anderson	3	12	4.0	7	0
Baxter	3	50	16.7	23	0
Meggett	1	15	15.0	15	0
Spence	1	5	5.0	5	0
Team	318	4032	12.7	82	33
Opponents	285	3299	11.6	70	16

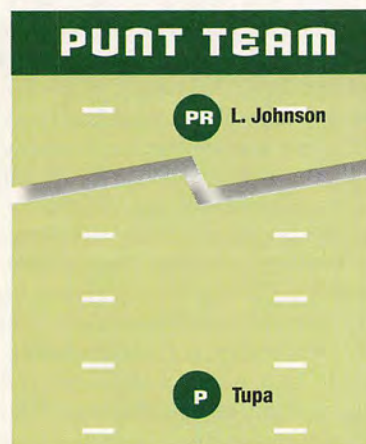
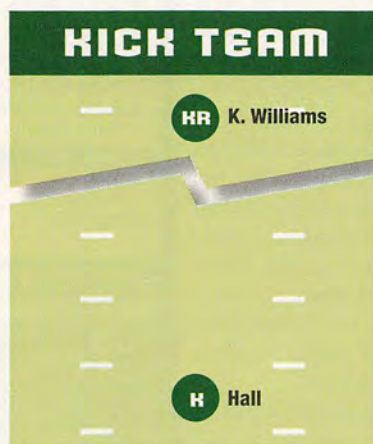
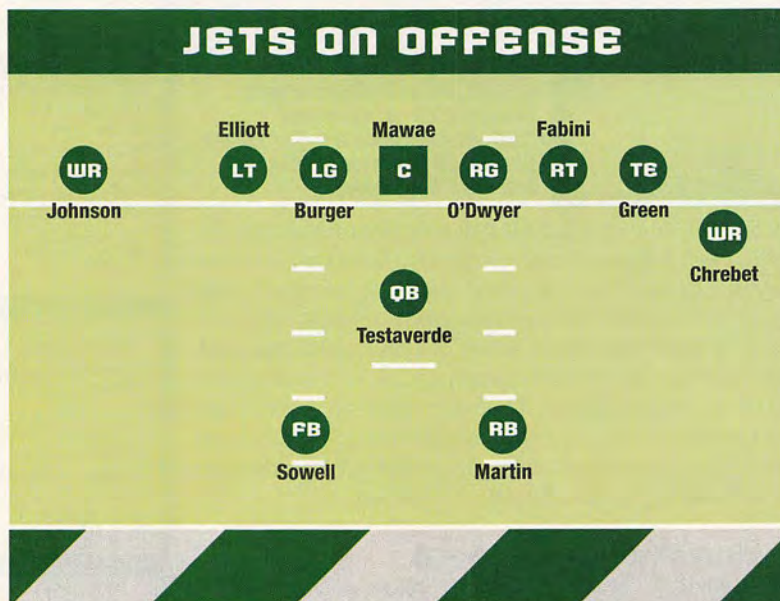
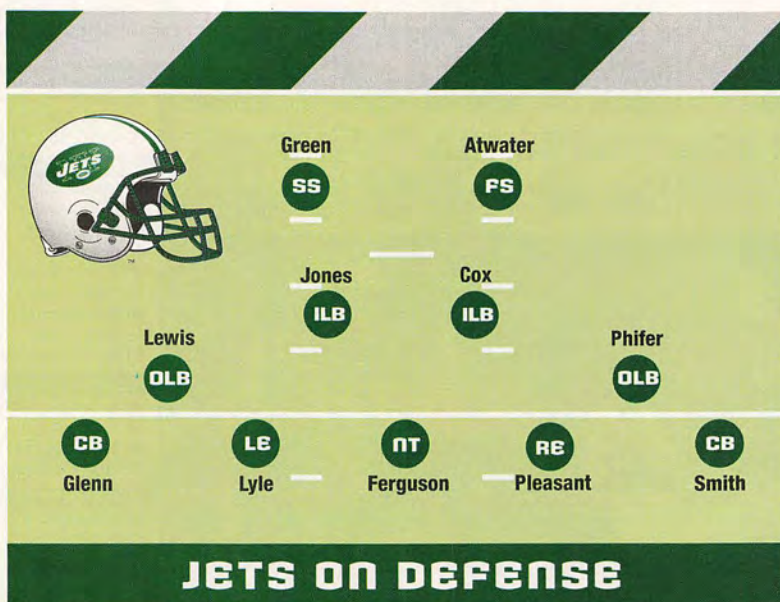
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Testaverde	421	259	3256	29	7
Foley	108	58	749	4	6
Lucas	3	1	27	0	0
Team	532	318	4032	33	13
Opponents	544	285	3299	16	21

SACKS

Lewis 7.0, Cox 6.0, Pleasant 6.0, Cascadden 5.0, Ferguson 4.0, Logan 2.5, Lyle 1.5, Green 1.0, Henderson 1.0, Johnson 1.0

Team 36.0, Opponents 25.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS





Will high price of keeping both Flutie and Johnson keep Buffalo out of contention?



Doug Flutie re-energized the Bills last season with his creative play after an 8-year NFL hiatus.

Eleven-time Pro Bowl defensive end Bruce Smith started in his 19th playoff game last year.

In these days of salary cap, when rosters are fashioned in part by the chief financial officer of the franchise, can a team afford two \$5 million-a-year quarterbacks? The Buffalo Bills are about to find out.

A year after investing their future in a trade for **Rob Johnson**, the Bills couldn't bare to part with the man who turned around their season, **Doug Flutie**, so his contract was brought in line with Johnson's. It put a crimp into any plans the team might have had about plunging into the free-agency market, but quarterback is the most important position in the game now and few are better insured than Buffalo.

Two's a crowd?

You just can't argue with the evidence. Johnson no sooner had righted the Bills' ship by supervising an upset victory over San Francisco than he suffered a rib injury. Into the breach stepped Flutie, the Canadian League exile deemed too short for the NFL game. Flutie became the "Little Engine That Could" as Buffalo reversed its won-lost record of 1997, leading his new teammates to victory in six of the next 10 games. His leadership was the key to Buffalo's reversal of fortunes. Wade Phillips, the new coach, kept Flutie in the starting lineup

when Johnson was healed and the Bills' 6-10 record of 1997 became the 10-6 of '98. It was the best turnaround in the AFC and included a return to the playoffs.

A year ago the Bills were viewed as a team crumbling with age, light years from the Super Bowl seasons. What changed that view was a rebuilding-on-the-run job by general manager John Butler. In Buffalo's previous eight drafts, each of the top picks became starters, with two of them, guard **Ruben Brown** and wide receiver **Eric Moulds**, in the Pro Bowl. Last year the Bills shopped for budget free agents and signed four who had an impact on the turnaround, including two who made the Pro Bowl, Flutie and fullback **Sam Gash**.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	346.3	6
Rushing	135.1	3
Passing	211.3	12
Scoring	25.0	7
Punt Returns	10.0	19T
Kick Returns	20.9	21T
Total Defense	293.2	6
Against Rush	93.3	5
Against Pass	199.9	14
Pts Allowed	20.8	15
Interceptions	18	15
Sacks	43	9
Turnover Diff.	+11	3T

Oldies but goodies

There are Golden Oldies who remain, mainly defensive end **Bruce Smith**, wide receiver **Andre Reed** and running back **Thurman Thomas**. Strong seasons still are needed from them if Buffalo is to contend for the championship, but the nucleus of this team is young.

'Moulding' an explosive attack

This year the Bills have even more offensive weapons and versatility. Moulds became the big-play receiver, averaging 20.4 yards on his 67 catches, with nine touchdowns. Reed, more a possession receiver at age 35, caught 63. The draft added speedy **Peerless Price**, who caught scoring passes against seven ranked opponents for national champion Tennessee. Price will play the slot, allowing **Kevin Williams** to concentrate on his return duties. The new tight end is young **Jay Riemersma**, who tied a team record for the position by catching six touchdown passes.

Antowain Smith gained 1,124 yards as the starting tailback, so the Bills don't operate by committee in the running game, but there is a lot of role playing. Thomas equaled his career per-carry average in a reduced role. He's now a more important third-down receiver. Big **Jonathan Linton** was a surprise mid-round draft choice who contributed a 4.5-yard average on his 45 carries.

The offensive line, a problem early last season, is less so now. The tackles, with veterans **John Fina** on the left and **Jerry Ostroski** on the right, are



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solid. So are the guards with Brown on the left and Joe Panos on the right. The one iffy position is center with Dusty Zeigler. If line coach Carl Mauch is unhappy he could switch Ostroski to center and install second-year giant Robert Hicks at right tackle.

Free agency and injuries scoured the cornerback roster, but the Bills think they took a giant repair step in making Antoine Winfield their top draft choice. He'll play slot coverage with Thomas Smith starting on the right side and Ken Irvin on the left. Henry Jones had one of his best seasons at strong safety while free safety Kurt Schulz led the team with six interceptions.

Smith leads formidable front

Right end Bruce Smith and nose tackle Ted Washington went to the Pro Bowl again. Smith had a team-high 10 sacks, but his play drooped in December and now he's 36 and playing his 15th season. Washington performs more efficiently when he carries less weight than the 300-plus he did in '98. Underrated Phil Hansen plays the left side. When the Bills use a four-man front, Marcellus Wiley is a formidable pass rusher.

Phillips felt so comfortable with John Holecek and pro sophomore Sam Cowart as his middle linebackers that he virtually gave away Chris Spielman to the Cleveland Browns. Sam Rogers is solid on the left side, but the Bills need more than two sacks from Gabe Northern, the weakside blitzer.

Blocking back Sam Gash (right) helped second-year man Antowain Smith rush for 1,124 yards and eight touchdowns last season.



BUFFALO BILLS

Wade Phillips, Head Coach

Joe Pendry, Offensive Coordinator; Max Bowman, Administrative Assistant to the Head Coach/Tight Ends; Bill Bradley, Secondary; Bruce Dehaven, Special Teams; Bishop Harris, Running Backs; Charlie Joiner, Receivers; Rusty Jones, Strength and Conditioning; Chuck Lester, Linebackers; John Levr, Defensive Line; Carl Mauch, Offensive Line; Turk Schonert, Quarterbacks

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
7	Flutie, Doug	QB	5-10	175	10/23/62	5 Boston College
10	Van Pelt, Alex	QB	6-0	220	05/01/70	4 Pittsburgh
13	Ballard, Jim	QB	6-3	223	04/16/72	0 Mount Union
11	Johnson, Rob	QB	6-3	212	03/18/73	4 Southern California

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
70	Fina, John	T	6-4	285	03/11/69	7 Arizona
72	Panos, Joe	G	6-2	293	01/24/71	5 Wisconsin
60	Ostroski, Jerry	T	6-4	310	07/12/70	5 Tulsa
79	Brown, Ruben	G	6-3	304	02/13/72	4 Pittsburgh
76	Albright, Ethan	T	6-5	283	05/01/71	4 North Carolina
73	Rockwood, Mike	T	6-10	345	06/05/73	1 Nevada
61	Zeigler, Dusty	C	6-5	298	09/27/73	3 Notre Dame
69	Spriggs, Marcus	T	6-4	295	05/17/74	2 Houston
74	Nails, Jamie	T	6-6	354	06/03/75	2 Florida A&M
63	Conaty, Bill	C	6-2	306	03/08/73	2 Virginia Tech
66	Allotey, Victor	G	6-4	316	04/08/75	0 Indiana
77	Hicks, Robert	T	6-8	345	11/17/74	1 Mississippi State

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
34	Thomas, Thurman	RB	5-10	198	05/16/66	11 Oklahoma State
33	Gash, Sam	RB	6-0	235	03/07/69	7 Penn State
23	Smith, Antowain	RB	6-2	224	03/14/72	2 Houston
35	Linton, Jonathan	RB	6-1	245	10/07/74	1 North Carolina

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
83	Reed, Andre	WR	6-2	190	01/29/64	14 Kutztown
88	Early, Quinn	WR	6-0	190	04/13/65	11 Iowa
82	Williams, Kevin	WR	5-9	194	01/25/71	6 Miami (FL)
80	Moulds, Eric	WR	6-0	204	07/17/73	3 Mississippi State
82	Stocz, Eric	TE	6-4	278	05/25/74	2 Westminster (PA)
85	Riemersma, Jay	TE	6-5	254	05/17/73	2 Michigan
89	Loud, Kamil	WR	6-1	5	06/25/76	1 Cal Poly SLO

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
78	Smith, Bruce	DE	6-4	273	06/18/63	14 Virginia Tech
90	Hansen, Phil	DE	6-5	278	05/20/68	8 North Dakota State
92	Washington, Ted	NT	6-4	325	04/13/68	8 Louisville
91	Price, Shawn	DE	6-5	260	03/28/70	6 Pacific
98	Moran, Sean	DT	6-3	255	06/05/73	3 Colorado State
75	Wiley, Marcellus	DE	6-5	270	11/30/74	2 Columbia
93	Williams, Pat	DT	6-3	270	10/24/72	2 Texas

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
20	Jones, Henry	S	5-11	197	12/29/67	8 Illinois
24	Schulz, Kurt	S	6-1	208	12/12/68	7 Eastern Washington
28	Smith, Thomas	CB	5-11	188	12/05/70	6 North Carolina
21	Martin, Emanuel	CB	5-11	184	07/31/69	4 Alabama State
27	Irvin, Ken	CB	5-10	182	07/11/72	4 Memphis
46	Kerner, Marlon	CB	5-10	187	03/18/73	4 Ohio State
40	Smedley, Eric	S	5-11	199	07/23/73	3 Indiana
25	Greer, Donovan	CB	5-9	178	09/11/74	2 Texas A&M
22	Porter, Daryl	CB	5-9	188	01/16/74	2 Boston College

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
55	Simmons, Wayne	LB	6-2	248	12/15/69	6 Clemson
59	Rogers, Sam	LB	6-3	245	05/30/70	5 Colorado
58	Perry, Marlo	LB	6-4	250	08/25/72	5 Jackson State
52	Holecek, John	LB	6-2	238	05/07/72	3 Illinois
99	Northern, Gabe	LB	6-2	240	06/08/74	3 Louisiana State
51	Cummings, Joe	LB	6-2	242	06/08/72	2 Wyoming
96	Brandenburg, Dan	LB	6-2	255	02/02/73	2 Indiana State
56	Cowart, Sam	LB	6-3	239	02/26/75	1 Florida State

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Christie, Steve	K	6-0	185	11/13/67	9 William & Mary
9	Mohr, Chris	P	6-5	215	05/11/66	9 Alabama

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	23	Winfield, Antoine	CB	5-9	180	06/24/77	Ohio State
2	53	Price, Peerless	WR	6-0	183	10/27/76	Tennessee
3	86	Bryson, Shawn	RB	6-1	220	11/30/76	Tennessee
4	119	Newman, Keith	LB	6-3	245	01/19/77	North Carolina
4	122	Collins, Bobby	TE	6-5	240	—	North Alabama
5	156	Foreman, Jay	LB	6-1	240	02/18/76	Nebraska
6	194	Hatcher, Armon	S	6-1	218	07/15/76	Oregon State
7	230	Jackson, Sheldon	TE	6-4	245	07/24/76	Nebraska
7	248	Fisher, Bryce	DE	6-2	251	05/12/77	Air Force

Won 10. Lost 6

DATE		SCORE	
06/09	L	14-16	at San Diego
13/09	L	7-13	at Miami
20/09	L	33-34	St. Louis
04/10	W	26-21	San Francisco
11/10	W	31-24	at Indianapolis
18/10	W	17-16	Jacksonville
25/10	W	30-14	at Carolina
01/11	W	30-24	Miami
08/11	L	12-34	at NY Jets
15/11	W	13-10	New England
22/11	W	34-11	Indianapolis
29/11	L	21-25	at N. England
06/12	W	33-20	at Cincinnati
13/12	W	44-21	Oakland
19/12	L	10-17	NY Jets
27/12	W	45-33	at New Orleans

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Smith	300	1124	3.7	30	8
Thomas	93	381	4.1	17	2
Flutie	48	248	5.2	23	1
Linton	45	195	4.3	20	1
Johnson	24	123	5.1	32	1
K. Williams	5	46	9.2	28	0
Gash	11	32	2.9	11	0
Holmes	2	8	4.0	5	0
C. Williams	2	5	2.5	3	0
Van Pelt	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Team	531	2161	4.1	32	13
Opponents	375	1493	4.0	46	11

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Moulds	67	1368	20.4	84	9
Reed	63	795	12.6	67	5
Williams	29	392	13.5	55	1
Thomas	26	220	8.5	26	1
Riemersma	25	288	11.5	28	6
Early	19	217	11.4	37	1
Gash	19	165	8.7	20	3
Johnson	14	146	10.4	27	2
Smith	5	11	2.2	9	0
Holmes	1	9	9.0	9	0
Linton	1	10	10.0	10	0
Team	269	3621	13.5	84	28
Opponents	294	3474	11.8	72	27

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Flutie	354	202	2711	20	11
Johnson	107	67	910	8	3
Team	461	269	3621	28	14
Opponents	532	294	3474	27	18

SACKS

Smith 10.0, Hansen 7.5, Price 5.0, Rogers 4.5,
Washington 4.5, Wiley 3.5, Williams 3.5, Northern
2.0, Smedley 2.0, Simmons 0.5

Team 43.0, Opponents 41.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS



Diagram illustrating the starting lineup for a football team on the field:

- QB** Jones
- RB** Schulz
- WR** Holecek
- WR** Cowart
- TE** Rogers
- TE** Northern
- OL** Washington
- OL** Hansen
- OL** B. Smith
- OL** T. Smith

BILLS ON DEFENSE

BILLS ON OFFENSE

The diagram illustrates the 2012 US Open men's singles tournament bracket. It is a single-elimination tournament starting with 128 players in the first round. The bracket is organized into two main halves, with the top half leading to the final match. The players are represented by blue circles with their initials, and the names of the players are listed below the circles. The central path of the bracket leads to the final match between Zeigler and Price.

Round	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5	Match 6	Match 7
First Round	WR (Moulds)	LT (Fina)	LG (Brown)	C (Zeigler)	RG (Panos)	RT (Ostroski)	TE (Riemersma)
Second Round	WR (Price)	OB (Flutie)	FB (Gash)	RB (A. Smith)			
Third Round							
Fourth Round							
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Seventy-second Round							

KICK TEAM

KR K. Williams

H Christie

PUNT TEAM

PR K. Williams

P Mohr



Patriots hang playoff hopes on Bledsoe's arm after loss of rushing star Edwards.

If there are pinpoint times in which NFL quarterbacks come of age, the last two weeks of November were it for Drew Bledsoe. In consecutive games against division rivals Miami and Buffalo, he brought victory to his team by completing touchdown passes with 29 seconds and then no time at all remaining on the clock. He did so while playing with a broken finger in his passing hand.

Finding another meal ticket

Bledsoe may have to repeat those heroics and more this year. The Pats will be playing without their meal-ticket running back, **Robert Edwards**, and with no certain future for their running game. Edwards, who in his rookie season became a competent replacement for the departed Curtis Martin, suffered a freak knee injury in a touch football game on a Hawaiian beach last February. Not only did it eliminate him from playing this year, it may have ended his career.

Drew dependency

Unless undersized rookie **Kevin Faulk** contributes more than anyone expects, Bledsoe's passing arm and leadership is what New England will hang its playoff hopes upon. A year ago Bledsoe finally was forced from the line-up for good with only two games remaining. Without him the Pats lost a crack at home-field advantage in the playoffs and then were promptly whisked out of the postseason by Jacksonville. Even with Edwards in

that lineup, the Pats could gain just 35 yards rushing and lost 25-10. To insure against such quarterback disasters, veteran backup **John Friesz** was signed.

Faulk will be up against it. The Pats lost a player they couldn't afford to lose, center **Dave Wohlabaugh**, who signed with Cleveland. They traded up in the draft to get Boston College's **Damien Woody** as his replacement. If Woody can start immediately, **Heath Irwin** can start at right guard. Left guard is a tossup between **Max Lane**

and **Damon Denson**. It's not a formidable bunch. The only lineman of note is left tackle **Bruce Armstrong**, who is losing some of his oomph at age 35. Faulk will need a lot of blocking help from fullback **Tony Carter**.

Can Terry be terrific?

That leaves a lot to the Patriot passing game. **Terry Glenn** is Bledsoe's most dangerous collaborator, but he missed a half-dozen games last year after playing fewer than half of New England's offensive plays the season before. With Glenn out, no Patriot receiver finished in the AFC's top 10. Tight end **Ben Coates** caught 67 passes, averaging 10 yards per reception. Glenn caught 50 and **Shawn Jefferson**, the other starting wideout, had 34. **Tony Simmons**, who averaged 20.6 yards on his 26 catches, should be more of a factor now.

Talent abounds on defense

If the Pats are going to advance further it will have to be on defense, where its best talent resides. Two defensive backs, corner **Ty Law** and strong safety **Lawyer Milloy**, went to the Pro Bowl. Law became the first Patriot to lead the league in interceptions. He

Talented-but-injury prone WR Terry Glenn must stay healthy to make up for the Pats' unsettled backfield.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	321.3	11
Rushing	92.5	27
Passing	228.8	5
Scoring	21.1	11
Punt Returns	12.0	77
Kick Returns	21.5	20
Total Defense	323.9	20
Against Rush	96.7	7
Against Pass	227.2	25
Pts Allowed	20.6	14
Interceptions	24	21
Sacks	36	23
Turnover Diff.	+7	9



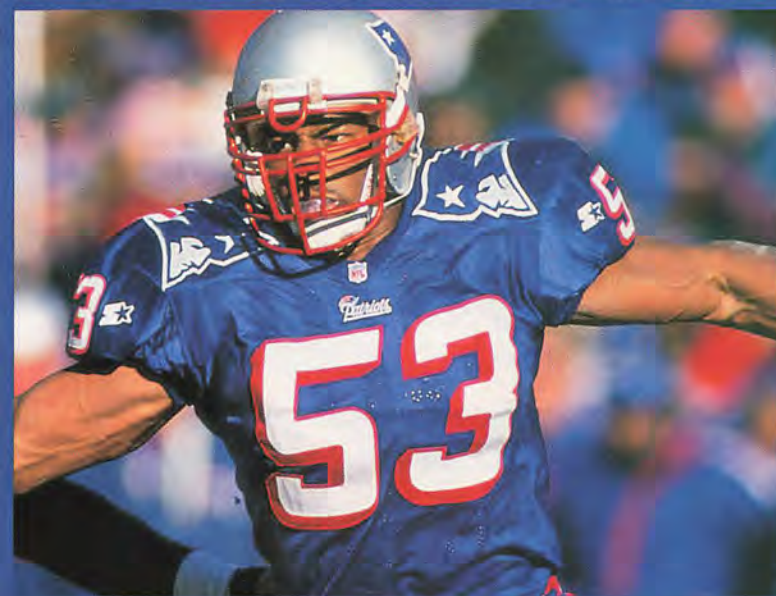
NFL interception leader Ty Law (top) and Pro Bowler Lawyer Milloy make DB a Patriot strength.



99 PATRIOTS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 9

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17



The Patriots would like linebacker Chris Slade to produce more than the four sacks he had in 1998.

had nine. He asks for the opponent's most dangerous receiver to cover and gets him. Milloy led the team in tackles with 151, including 16 in a vital upset of San Francisco down the stretch. Free safety Willie Clay will turn the occasional big play, but both he and right corner Steve Israel could be challenged. The Pats need to get more out of two recent first-round draftees, safety Chris Canty and corner Tebucky Jones.

Big Kat purrs for PT

Unless rookie Andy Katzenmoyer beats out Tedy Bruschi for the right outside linebacker job, the Pats may think about using more 3-4 defense with Katzenmoyer joining tough guy Ted Johnson in the middle. Chris Slade plays well on the left side, but the pass rush needs more than four sacks out of him.

The defensive line was damaged when tackle Mark Wheeler was lost to free agency. The right side is the key, with Henry Thomas (six sacks) and Willie McGinest, who is capable of big things if he is over the groin injury that forced him out of the lineup for the half the games. Left end is the worry spot. Chris Sullivan and Brandon Mitchell will battle for the duty.

Veteran Lee Johnson was signed to replace punter Tom Tupa, who signed with the Jets. Adam Vinatieri can't miss five kicks inside the 40 as he did in '98.

The return game is mediocre. Troy Brown averaged 13.2 yards on punt returns, while Derrick Cullors handled kick-offs for a 24.1-yard average. The versatile Faulk could chip in.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Pete Carroll, Head Coach

Ernie Zampese, Offensive Coordinator; Steve Sidwell, Defensive Coordinator; Jeff Davidson, Tight Ends; Ray Hamilton, Defensive Line; Ron Lynn, Defensive Backs; Johnny Parker, Strength and Conditioning; DeWayne Walker, Defensive Assistant/Secondary; Bo Pelini, Linebackers; Dante Scarnecchia, Defensive Assistant/Linebackers; Carl Smith, Assistant Head Coach and Quarterbacks; Ivan Fears, Wide Receivers; Kirby Wilson, Running Backs

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Bledsoe, Drew	QB 6-5	233	02/14/72	6	Washington State
17	Friesz, John	QB 6-4	219	05/19/67	8	Idaho
7	Murphy, Jim	QB 6-3	225	02/23/75	0	Northeastern
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
77	Moss, Zefross	T 6-6	324	08/17/66	10	Alabama State
78	Armstrong, Bruce	T 6-4	295	09/07/65	12	Louisville
71	Rucci, Todd	G 6-5	291	07/14/70	6	Penn State
68	Lane, Max	G 6-6	305	02/22/71	5	Navy
63	Irwin, Heath	G 6-4	300	06/27/73	2	Colorado
61	Denson, Damon	G 6-3	305	02/08/75	2	Michigan
66	Ellis, Edward	T 6-7	340	10/13/75	2	Buffalo
67	Andersen, Jason	C 6-6	295	09/03/75	0	Brigham Young
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
30	Carter, Tony	RB 5-11	236	08/23/72	5	Minnesota
29	Cullors, Derrick	RB 5-11	205	12/26/72	2	Murray State
47	Edwards, Robert	RB 6-1	209	10/02/74	1	Georgia
44	Shaw, Harold	RB 6-2	231	09/03/74	1	Southern Mississippi
37	Floyd, Chris	RB 6-1	227	06/23/75	1	Michigan
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
87	Coates, Ben	TE 6-5	245	08/16/69	8	Livingstone
84	Jefferson, Shawn	WR 5-11	180	02/22/69	8	Central Florida
82	Brisby, Vincent	WR 6-2	188	01/25/71	6	Northeast Louisiana
80	Brown, Troy	WR 5-9	190	07/02/71	6	Marshall
86	Bartrum, Mike	TE 6-5	245	06/23/70	5	Marshall
88	Glenn, Terry	WR 5-10	184	07/23/74	3	Ohio State
15	Wilson, Sir Mawn	WR 6-2	210	06/04/73	1	Syracuse
81	Simmons, Tony	WR 6-2	203	12/08/74	1	Wisconsin
83	Rutledge, Rod	TE 6-4	255	08/12/75	1	Alabama
18	Ladd, Anthony	WR 6-1	193	12/23/73	1	Cincinnati
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
95	Thomas, Henry	DT 6-2	277	01/12/65	12	Louisiana State
55	McGinest, Willie	DE 6-5	255	12/11/71	5	Southern California
90	Eaton, Chad	DT 6-4	292	04/04/72	3	Washington State
75	Manley, James	DT 6-2	305	07/11/74	0	Vanderbilt
74	Sullivan, Chris	DE 6-4	279	03/14/73	3	Boston College
72	Wyman, Devin	DT 6-7	307	08/29/73	2	Kentucky State
98	Mitchell, Brandon	DE 6-4	285	06/19/75	2	Texas A&M
75	Rheams, Leonta	DT 6-2	303	08/01/76	1	Houston
94	Spires, Greg	DE 6-2	270	08/12/74	1	Florida State
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
21	Israel, Steve	CB 5-11	186	03/16/69	7	Pittsburgh
32	Clay, Willie	S 5-10	198	09/05/70	7	Georgia Tech
25	Whigham, Larry	S 6-2	202	06/23/72	5	Northeast Louisiana
24	Law, Ty	CB 5-11	196	02/10/74	4	Michigan
36	Milloy, Lawwyer	S 6-1	208	11/14/73	3	Washington
26	Canty, Chris	CB 5-10	190	03/30/76	2	Kansas State
42	Carter, Chris	S 6-1	207	09/27/74	2	Texas
30	Gilliard, Cory	S 6-0	210	10/10/74	0	Ball State
34	Jones, Tebucky	S 6-1	223	10/06/74	1	Syracuse
31	Serwanga, Kato	CB 6-0	195	07/23/76	0	California
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
53	Slade, Chris	LB 6-5	245	01/30/71	6	Virginia
58	Moore, Marty	LB 6-1	244	03/19/71	5	Kentucky
52	Johnson, Ted	LB 6-3	240	12/04/72	4	Colorado
54	Bruschi, Tedy	LB 6-1	245	06/09/73	3	Arizona
99	Crawford, Vernon	LB 6-3	245	06/25/74	2	Florida State
51	Russ, Bernard	LB 6-0	225	11/04/73	2	West Virginia
60	Merkerson, Ron	LB 6-3	250	08/30/75	0	Colorado
93	Stuckey, Shawn	LB 6-0	230	10/22/75	1	Troy State
45	Cottrell, Dana	LB 6-3	238	01/11/74	1	Syracuse
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Johnson, Lee	P 6-2	200	11/27/61	14	Brigham Young
4	Vinatieri, Adam	K 6-0	200	12/28/72	3	South Dakota State

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	17	Woody, Damien	C	6-4	312	11/03/77	Boston College
1	28	Katzenmoyer, Andy	LB	6-4	255	12/02/77	Ohio State
2	46	Faulk, Kevin	RB	5-10	192	06/15/76	LSU
3	91	George, Tony	S	6-0	199	08/10/75	Florida
5	154	Fletcher, Derrick	G	6-6	344	09/09/75	Baylor
6	180	Washington, Marcus	CB	6-3	210	02/26/75	Colorado
7	227	Bishop, Michael	QB	6-1	205	05/15/76	Kansas State
7	241	Morey, Sean	WR	5-11	190	02/26/76	Brown

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 9, Lost 7

DATE	SCORE	
09/07	L 21-27	at Denver
09/13	W 29-6	Indianapolis
09/20	W 27-16	Tennessee
10/04	W 30-27	at New Orleans
10/11	W 40-10	Kansas City
10/19	L 14-24	NY Jets
10/25	L 9-12	at Miami
11/01	W 21-16	at Indianapolis
11/08	L 10-41	Atlanta
11/15	L 10-13	at Buffalo
11/23	W 26-23	Miami
11/29	W 25-21	Buffalo
12/06	W 23-9	at Pittsburgh
12/13	L 18-32	at St. Louis
12/20	W 24-21	San Francisco
12/27	L 10-31	at NY Jets

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Edwards	291	1115	3.8	53	9
Shaw	48	236	4.9	71	0
Cullors	18	48	2.7	15	0
Bledsoe	28	44	1.6	10	0
Floyd	6	22	3.7	10	0
Jefferson	1	15	15.0	15	0
Carter	2	3	1.5	3	0
Zolak	5	0	0.0	4	0
Glenn	2	-1	-0.5	7	0
Tupa	2	-2	-1.0	-1	0
Team	403	1480	3.7	71	9
Opponents	447	1547	3.5	34	8

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Coates	67	668	10.0	33	6
Glenn	50	792	15.8	86	3
Edwards	35	331	9.5	46	3
Jefferson	34	771	22.7	61	2
Brown	23	346	15.0	52	1
Simmons	23	474	20.6	63	3
Carter	18	166	9.2	49	0
Cullors	14	146	10.4	43	1
Purnell	12	92	7.7	22	2
Brisby	7	96	13.7	27	2
Shaw	6	30	5.0	11	0
Ellard	5	86	17.2	19	0
Floyd	1	6	6.0	6	0
Team	295	4004	13.6	86	23
Opponents	336	3857	11.5	84	26

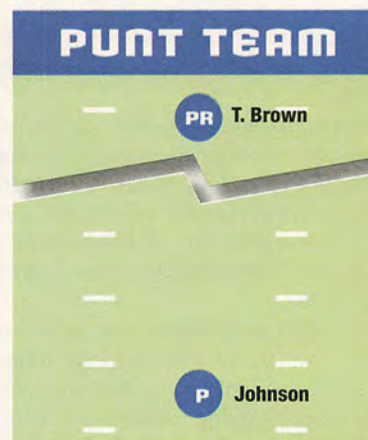
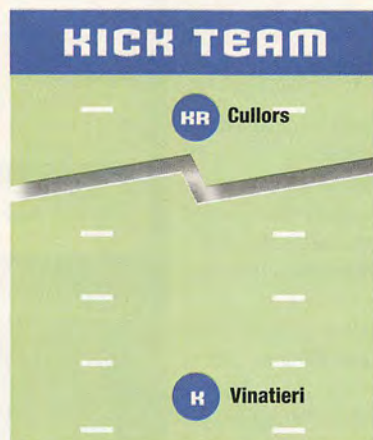
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Bledsoe	481	263	3633	20	14
Zolak	75	32	371	3	3
Team	556	295	4004	23	17
Opponents	570	336	3857	26	24

SACKS

Thomas 6.5, Eaton 6, Slade 4, McGinest 3.5, Spires 3, Bruschi 2, Israel 2, Johnson 2, Mitchell 2, Sullivan 2, Canty 1, Carter 1, Milloy 1

Team 36, Opponents 40

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS





Colts on steady course to contention in 2001 despite saying no to Marshall and Ricky.

It's better for a foe to have the Colts on its schedule early in the season rather than later. This is one of the league's coming franchises. Club president Bill Polian took a lot of flak for bypassing Heisman Trophy-winner Ricky Williams in favor of Edgerrin James with the fourth selection of the draft. Polian carefully calculated his move. As much as the Colts admired Williams' ball carrying, their conclusion was that James, the Miami Hurricanes' star, was better suited for their offense with his pass-catching ability. Then there was Williams' fumbling record, 29 in his years as a Texas Longhorn. The Colts fumbled just 10 times last year, tied for least in the NFL.

Life without the Marshall Plan

Polian had just traded Marshall Faulk, the most effective all-around back in the NFL, to St. Louis. Not only did he need a back who could approach Faulk's 1,319 rushing yards of last season, the new man also would be replacing an integral part of the Indy passing game. Faulk caught 86 passes, tied for third in the NFL. In Polian's view, James did the best job of matching Faulk's profile.

The trading of Faulk, considered a giveaway by outsiders because the two draft choices Indy received did not include a first, was another calculated move by Polian. Miami or New England would have given him the No. 1, but he didn't want to strengthen a division foe. The deal with St. Louis meant the Rams assumed Faulk's \$2.5 million contract, sure to grow larger. Besides, by the time the Colts are ready to make their championship move in about 2001, Faulk is likely to be through and James completely developed.

Indy offense: Peyton's place

The keystone is quarterback Peyton Manning, who played every down for the Colts as a rookie and threw more passes than anyone in the NFL. If coach Jim Mora had a slogan for the way he set out to handle Manning, it must have been "survive and improve." Manning was intercepted 28 times, by far the worst in the league, but he threw 26 touchdown passes, second in the AFC. The 3-13 Colts were 2-6 in the second half of the season and

four of their losses were by a touchdown or less. Their touchdown-conversion rate inside the opponents' 20-yard line, 53.7 percent, was fifth in the AFC.

Youth movement

Three of the five line starters are mere tyros. Left tackle Tarik Glenn and Adam Meadows on the right side have been a tandem since their rookie year in '97. Steve McKinney started every game at left guard as a rookie. Jay Leeuwenburg is a solid center. This is essentially the same group that gave up 62 sacks two years ago. The one worry spot is right guard. Tony Mandarich missed the last month of the season with a stress fracture in his lower back. Tom Myslinski may challenge for the job.

The wideouts are babies, too. Marvin Harrison caught 59 passes, seven for touchdowns, and Jerome Pathon had 50 receptions as a rookie. E.G. Green, used little as a rookie, should be the third receiver but could be challenged by Lake Dawson, who sat out last season.

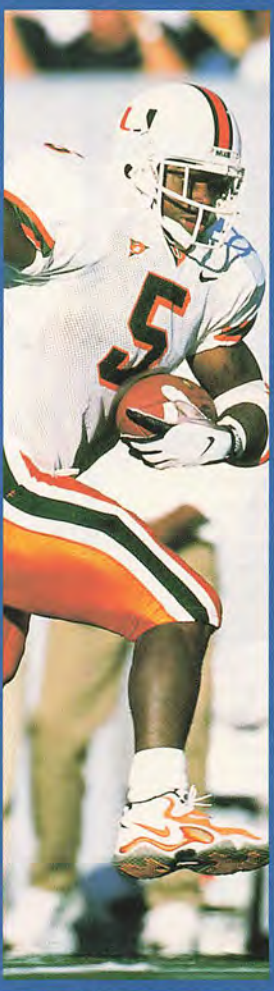
The tight ends were an important part of Manning's survival. Ken Dilger may be more involved in the passing game this season, but

Despite getting intercepted 28 times, Peyton Manning kept his composure and improved steadily as a rookie.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	319.8	12
Rushing	92.9	26
Passing	226.9	6
Scoring	19.4	19
Punt Returns	10.3	16T
Kick Returns	20.2	26
Total Defense	364.8	29
Against Rush	160.6	29
Against Pass	204.1	16
Pts Allowed	27.8	29
Interceptions	8	30
Sacks	38	16T
Turnover Diff.	-14	2



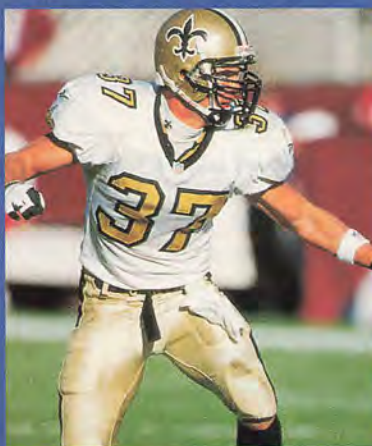
First-round pick Edgerrin James will be expected to step in and fill the rushing shoes of Faulk.



99 COLTS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 4

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
								
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17	
								



A lengthy free-agent shopping list included the names of veteran Atlanta linebacker Cornelius Bennett (left) and New Orleans strong safety Chad Cota. Both will start.

he and Marcus Pollard are on the field for a lot of double-tight end alignments.

Free-agent shopping frenzy

Since Indy was next to last in NFL defense, Polian went to the free-agent market to remedy that. He signed defensive ends **Chad Bratzke** of the Giants and **Shawn King** of the Panthers along with linebacker **Cornelius Bennett** from NFC champion Atlanta and New Orleans strong safety **Chad Cota**.

Since 14 of the Colts' 22 sacks came from the interior linemen (eight by right tackle **Ellis Johnson** and six by left tackle **Tony McCoy**), the Bratzke signing, while expensive, made a lot of sense. Bratzke, who had 11 sacks, will play alongside McCoy. King will play the right side. **Bert Berry**, more of a linebacker, started six games at right end. He had four sacks.

Bennett will be asked to stabilize a young linebacking trio. **Michael Barber** broke into the starting lineup at middle backer in November and made 47 solo tackles in seven games. Swift rookie **Mike Peterson** will be asked to challenge **Andre Royal** on the right side. Bennett no longer makes the sort of big plays he did early in his career, and he doesn't figure prominently in the pass rush, but his experience might be vital.

The secondary is experienced, with **Jeff Burris** at left corner, **Tyrone Poole** on the right, **Jason Belser** at free safety and Cota.

Mike Vanderjagt came down from the Canadian Football League to kick 27 field goals in 31 tries last season. He made six from 50 and beyond and attempted a 63-yarder. The new punter is rookie **Hunter Smith**. The return game needs improvement.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Jim Mora, Head Coach

George Catavolos, Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Backs; Tom Moore, Offensive Coordinator; Vic Fangio, Defensive Coordinator; Todd Grantham, Defensive Line; Gene Huey, Running Backs; Tony Marciano, Tight Ends; Howard Mudd, Offensive Line; Mike Murphy, Linebackers; Jay Norvell, Receivers; John Pagano, Defensive Assistant; Kevin Spencer, Special Teams; Jon Torine, Conditioning Coach; Tom Zupancic, Strength and Conditioning

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
15	Case, Stoney	QB	6-2	206	07/07/72	4 New Mexico
13	Holcomb, Kelly	QB	6-2	219	07/09/73	2 Middle Tennessee State
18	Manning, Peyton	QB	6-5	222	03/24/76	1 Tennessee

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
79	Mandarich, Tony	G	6-5	317	09/23/66	6 Michigan State
58	Leeuwenburg, Jay	C	6-3	297	06/18/69	7 Colorado
67	Myslinski, Tom	G	6-3	287	12/07/68	7 Tennessee
64	Isaia, Sale	G	6-5	315	06/13/72	1 UCLA
73	Meadows, Adam	T	6-7	280	01/25/74	2 Georgia
78	Glenn, Tarik	T	6-5	340	05/25/76	2 California
74	Jackson, Waverly	T	6-2	299	12/19/72	1 Virginia Tech
60	Johnson, Jason	C	6-3	288	02/06/74	1 Kansas State
76	McKinney, Steve	G	6-3	289	10/15/75	1 Texas A&M
72	Moore, Larry	G	6-3	301	06/01/75	1 Brigham Young
71	Blackman, Jon	G	6-6	265	10/08/75	0 Purdue

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
33	Heyward, Craig	RB	5-11	250	09/26/66	11 Pittsburgh
23	Elias, Keith	RB	5-9	203	02/03/72	4 Princeton
22	Holmes, Darick	RB	6-0	226	07/01/71	4 Portland State
43	Greene, Scott	RB	5-10	225	06/01/72	3 Michigan State

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
83	Banta, Bradford	TE	6-6	260	12/14/70	5 Southern California
85	Dilger, Ken	TE	6-5	259	02/02/71	4 Illinois
81	Pollard, Marcus	TE	6-4	257	02/08/72	4 Bradley
88	Harrison, Marvin	WR	6-0	181	08/25/72	3 Syracuse
11	McGuire, Kaiipo	WR	5-10	182	01/16/74	2 Brigham Young
84	Green, E.G.	WR	5-11	190	06/28/75	1 Florida State
86	Pathon, Jerome	WR	5-11	180	12/16/75	1 Washington

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
61	McCoy, Tony	DT	6-0	282	06/10/69	7 Florida
75	Thomas, Mark	DE	6-5	275	05/06/69	6 North Carolina State
98	Footman, Dan	DE	6-5	290	01/13/69	6 Florida State
77	Bratzke, Chad	DE	6-4	273	09/15/71	5 Eastern Kentucky
95	Whittington, Bernard	DT	6-6	283	08/20/71	5 Indiana
62	Johnson, Ellis	DT	6-2	292	10/30/73	4 Florida
96	King, Shawn	DE	6-3	278	06/24/72	3 Northeast Louisiana
90	Campbell, Mark	DT	6-1	290	09/12/72	1 Florida
97	Shello, Kendel	DT	6-3	301	11/24/73	2 Southern University
96	Tuinei, Van	DE	6-3	275	02/16/71	2 Arizona
94	Hobgood-Chittick	DT	6-5	295	11/30/74	0 North Carolina
64	Chester, Larry	DT	6-2	305	10/17/75	1 Temple

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
25	Blackmon, Robert	S	6-0	208	05/12/67	9 Baylor
29	Belser, Jason	S	5-9	188	05/28/70	7 Oklahoma
20	Burris, Jeff	CB	6-0	204	06/07/72	5 Notre Dame
38	Poole, Tyrone	CB	5-9	185	02/03/72	4 Fort Valley State
37	Cota, Chad	S	6-1	198	08/13/71	4 Oregon
34	Montgomery, D.	CB	5-11	189	12/08/73	2 Houston
27	Clark, Rico	CB	5-10	181	06/06/74	2 Louisville
26	Blevins, Tony	CB	6-0	165	01/29/75	1 Kansas
47	Austin, Billy	S	5-10	195	03/08/75	1 New Mexico

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
97	Bennett, Cornelius	LB	6-2	238	08/25/65	12 Alabama
52	Rouse, Wardell	LB	6-2	235	06/09/72	1 Clemson
53	Barber, Michael	LB	6-1	246	11/09/71	4 Clemson
56	Royal, Andre	LB	6-2	240	12/01/72	4 Alabama
58	Marshall, Whit	LB	6-2	247	01/06/73	1 Georgia
57	Berry, Bert	LB	6-3	245	08/15/75	2 Notre Dame
91	Jordon, Antony	LB	6-3	237	12/19/74	1 Vanderbilt
51	Rogers, Ron	LB	6-1	240	04/20/75	0 Georgia Tech
93	Chorak, Jason	LB	6-4	255	09/23/74	1 Washington

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
17	Calicchio, Lonny	K	6-3	249	10/24/72	1 Mississippi
12	Vanderjagt, Mike	K	6-5	210	03/24/70	1 West Virginia

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	4	James, Edgerrin	RB	6-1	220	08/01/78	Miami (FL)
2	36	Peterson, Mike	LB	6-2	224	06/17/76	Florida
3	63	Burlsworth, Brandon	G	6-3	301	09/20/76	Arkansas
4	96	Miranda, Paul	CB	6-0	175	05/02/76	Central Florida
5	138	Scioli, Brad	DE	6-3	263	09/06/76	Penn State
7	210	Smith, Hunter	P	6-2	215	08/09/77	Notre Dame
7	250	Terry, Corey	DE	6-3	250	03/06/76	Tennessee

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 3, Lost 13

DATE	SCORE		
09/06	L 15-24		Miami
09/13	L 6-29		at N. England
09/20	L 6-44		at NY Jets
09/27	L 13-19		New Orleans
10/04	W 17-12		San Diego
10/11	L 24-31		Buffalo
10/18	L 31-34		at S. Francisco
11/01	L 16-21		New England
11/08	L 14-27		at Miami
11/15	W 24-23		NY Jets
11/22	L 11-34		at Buffalo
11/29	L 31-38		at Baltimore
12/06	L 21-28		at Atlanta
12/13	W 39-26		Cincinnati
12/20	L 23-27		at Seattle
12/27	L 19-27		Carolina

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Faulk	324	1319	4.1	68	6
Manning	15	62	4.1	15	0
Warren	25	61	2.4	14	1
Elias	8	24	3.0	8	0
Heyward	6	15	2.5	8	0
Crockett	2	5	2.5	5	0
Small	1	2	2.0	2	0
Pathon	3	-2	-0.7	4	0
Team	384	1486	3.9	68	7
Opponents	544	2570	4.7	51	20

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Faulk	86	908	10.6	78	4
Harrison	59	776	13.2	61	7
Pathon	50	511	10.2	45	1
Small	45	681	15.1	53	7
Dilger	31	303	9.8	27	1
Pollard	24	309	12.9	44	4
Green	15	177	11.8	25	1
Warren	11	44	4.0	12	1
Banta	1	7	7.0	7	0
Crockett	1	1	1.0	1	0
Elias	1	11	11.0	11	0
Greene	1	2	2.0	2	0
Heyward	1	9	9.0	9	0
Team	326	3739	11.5	78	26
Opponents	275	3497	12.7	82	27

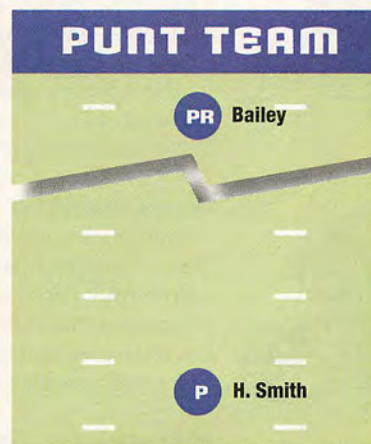
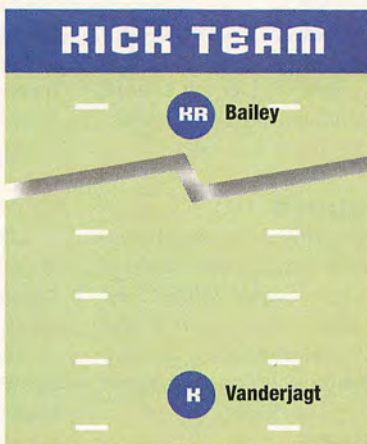
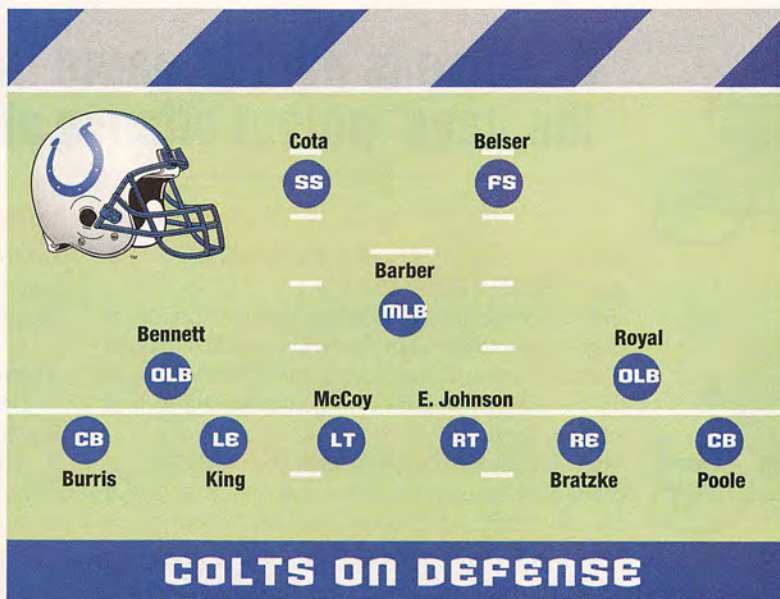
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Manning	575	326	3739	26	28
Small	1	0	0	0	0
Team	576	326	3739	26	28
Opponents	461	275	3497	27	8

SACKS

Johnson 8.0, McCoy 6.0, Berry 4.0, Whittington 4.0, Chester 3.0, Barber 2.0, Montgomery 2.0, Tuinei 2.0, Belser 1.0, Blackmon 1.0, Chorak 1.0, Fontenot 1.0, Morrison 1.0, Shello 1.0, Thomas 1.0

Team 38.0, Opponents 22.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS



Predicted order
of finish

Defense is not the game in the Central, where the Jags' potent offense should carry the day.

by Larry Felser *Buffalo News*

DEE-FENSE! DEEE-FENSE! DEEEEEE-FENSE!!!!

We're going to have to make that a lot louder if they hope to hear us in the AFC Central. No team plays winning defense and the few that reach the mediocre level are dragged down by lack of a quarterback.

No team in the division finished in the top third of the NFL in overall defense last season. Three of the five finished in the bottom third. The only franchise that feels good about those numbers is expansion Cleveland. Even in feeling its way, the Browns get the feeling that they aren't that far away from division parity.

The only teams that finished above the AFC average in both major rushing categories (average yardage per game and average yield per carry) were Baltimore and Pittsburgh, and they didn't make it by much. None of the five reached the average level in the three most important pass-defense categories: yardage allowed per game, average catch per pass completion and sacks.

Defense is only part of the unhappy story in the Central.

Division champion Jacksonville, with proven star Mark Brunell, is the only team with stable quarterbacking.

Steve McNair remains a work in progress for Tennessee.

Pittsburgh is in crisis over Kordell Stewart.

Baltimore was reduced to signing Scott Mitchell, a huge disappointment in Detroit.

Rookie Akili Smith, drafted No. 3 overall, will sink or swim in Cincinnati.

The Browns acquired veteran Ty Detmer to hold the hand of Tim Couch until the draft's No. 1 selection is ready to stand on his own.

Jacksonville Jaguars

Jacksonville has so much firepower on offense that it would be a shock if the Jaguars aren't able to successfully defend their title. Super rookie Fred Taylor gave the running attack a kick-start a year ago and ex-Jet tight end Kyle Brady, signed as a free agent, might do the same for the short passing game.

Pittsburgh Steelers

Even if Stewart recovered from his horrendous

season, the lack of quality receivers would handicap him, so Pittsburgh's hopes remain with the ground game and what's left of the defense.

Tennessee Titans

Does identity mean much? Tennessee is about to find out.

After roosting in Nashville at last after a gypsy odyssey, the team is now known as the Titans. Psychologically, dropping the "Oilers" name may have some impact. At least Tennesseans know the players are no longer tourists.

Baltimore Ravens

Another team that's always in search of identity is the Ravens, who have seemingly been out to find themselves since moving from Cleveland.

They have a new coach, Brian Billick, and a new quarterback (Mitchell), but their best chance at making themselves known may come with a young defense led by young pass rushers Michael McCrary and Peter Boulware.

Cleveland Browns

Couch or Detmer will lead a Cleveland team that was active in the free-agent market and may not reside in the Central cellar like most expansion teams of years past. Despite their desire to build young, the Browns' brass couldn't pass on the chance to bring in late-spring free agents like ex-Arizona linebacker Jamir Miller and former Minnesota lineman Jerry Ball, sensing they have a chance to compete early. The Browns have the talent to stay out of the division's cellar.

Couch or Detmer will have a better-than-average receiving corps, with free agent deep threat Leslie Shepherd and talented Syracuse rookie Kevin Johnson slated to start.

Cincinnati Bengals

Other than the drafting of Smith and the approval for a new stadium in town, not much happened to Cincinnati in the offseason to wash away the loss of 10 of the final 11 games.

The major task for 1999 is to beat off the infant Browns in the battle for fifth place. The Bengals hope that feature back Corey Dillon will continue his string of 1,000-yard rushing seasons and take the heat off Smith.

TOP PLAYERS

Offense:

Fred Taylor, RB, Jacksonville Jaguars

Defense:

Levon Kirkland, LB, Pittsburgh Steelers

Newcomer:

Kevin Johnson, WR/KR,
Cleveland Browns

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS



Brunell, Taylor and explosive offense must stay strong enough to hide Jags' defensive deficiencies.

In the surface, the Jaguars are a huge success story for a franchise that has been in business only since '96. In their last three seasons they won 31 regular-season games, made the playoffs all three years and in the '97 playoffs went all the way to the AFC championship game.

They can score by land or air. They have exciting personalities. Their problem is that they regressed last year despite the 11-5 record. In games against playoff teams they were 1-3. In a loss to Denver they surrendered 37 points. On the eve of the playoffs, Minnesota scored 50 points against them. They won in the first round of the playoffs but against a Patriot team quarterbacked by Scott Zolak.

Dom to the defense

Winning the championship of Florida, as they did last year with victories over Miami and Tampa Bay, isn't balm enough. Their followers want a bona fide contender. To make that happen the Jaguars will have to finish much higher than 25th in defense, two rungs lower than they had in '97. The man hired to make it happen is Dom Capers, the ex-Carolina head coach who made his reputation with the zone blitz while he was Pittsburgh's defensive coordinator.

Capers' first task will be to pump some life in the pass rush. The Jaguars' sack total fell from 48, when they tied for second in the conference, to 30, tied for second worst. The surprise is that coach Tom Coughlin says he'll stay with the 4-3 as his base defense. In the 4-3, the Jaguars waste their best pass rusher, Bryce Paup. Paup had just 6.5 sacks last year and he's lost as a line-backer in coverage. That isn't why owner Wayne Weaver paid serious free-agent money to get him. Put Paup on the attack and he's a far more effective player.

For that matter, the Jags have to get more out of right end **Tony Brackens**, who has great talent but is a sometime thing. **Joel Smeenge**, a spot player, led in sacks with 7.5. The draft brings tackle **Larry Smith**, more of a force against the run than as a pass rusher. His extra is that he occasionally dropped back into coverage at Florida State when the Seminoles used the zone blitz. Another run-plugger, **Gary Walker**, was signed as a free agent. **Renaldo Wynn** moves outside to play left end with Walker at left tackle and Smith and **Seth Payne** fighting for the duty at right tackle.

The need for a more intense pass rush is due, in part, to the youth of the secondary. Rookie **Fernando Bryant** is expected to start at right corner, with second-year man **Cordell Taylor** taking over the left side.

Pro sophomore **Donovin Darius** is the strong safety. To direct traffic at free safety is **Carnell Lake**, the Steelers' longtime Pro Bowler who was signed to be the godfather of the defense. **Kevin Hardy** plays across from Paup at weakside linebacker.

Tom McManus and **Bryan Schwartz** share time in the middle.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	325.9	10
Rushing	131.4	5
Passing	194.5	20
Scoring	24.5	8
Punt Returns	12.9	3
Kick Returns	22.2	16
Total Defense	347.4	25
Against Rush	125.0	22
Against Pass	222.4	23
Pts Allowed	21.1	17
Interceptions	13	21T
Sacks	30	27T
Turnover Diff.	+10	5T

Running game Taylor made

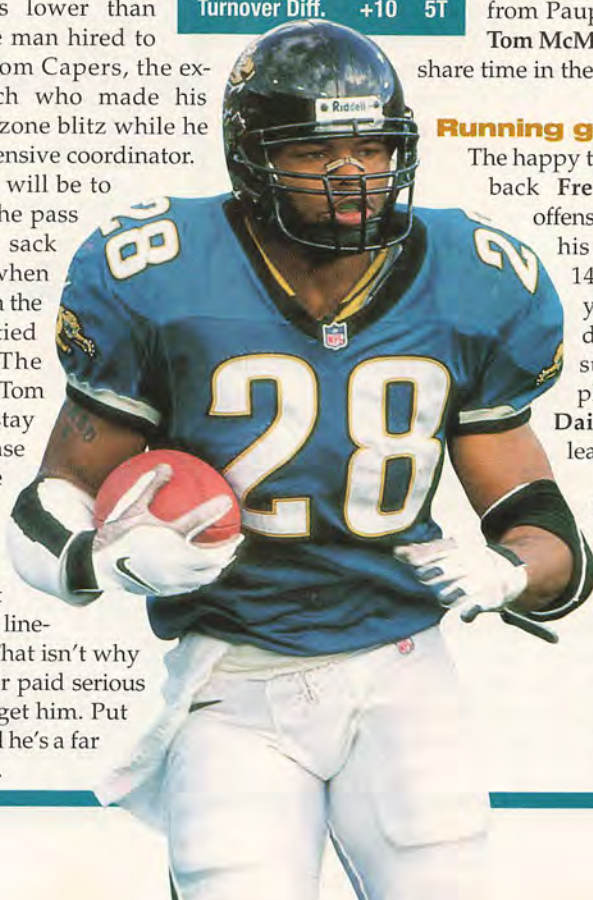
The happy talk is on offense. Running back **Fred Taylor** was the top offensive rookie in the AFC with his 1,223 yards rushing, 14 touchdowns and a 4.6-yard average. There is depth, too. **James Stewart**, supplanted as the starter, plays behind Taylor, and **Daimon Shelton** is a solid lead blocker.

Depth is even more important, as Brunell lost playing time to injuries for the second consecutive season. Despite his

Fred Taylor became the first player in Jaguar history to rush for more than 1,000 yards last season.



Keenan McCardell (top) is just one of many quality targets Mark Brunell can turn to for help.



TOP TO BOTTOM: CHARLES BERNHARDT; ROSS F. DETTMAN; JOE ROBBINS

99 JAGUARS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 7

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17



In just four NFL seasons, offensive tackle Tony Boselli has participated in three Pro Bowls and made 55 career starts.

missed games he passed for 2,601 yards and 20 touchdowns, but also ran more than any AFC quarterback except for renowned scramblers Steve McNair of Tennessee, Kordell Stewart of Pittsburgh and Doug Flutie of Buffalo. **Jonathan Quinn**, an NFL Europe product, played well in a cameo replacement role for Brunell and so did **Jamie Martin**.

The Brady boost

Keenan McCardell and Jimmy Smith, the two admirable receivers, didn't have the slam-bang yardage numbers of the previous season but scored 14 touchdowns between them, an increase of five. The major change in the passing game is likely to be brought about by free agent tight end **Kyle Brady**. Bet on him to catch more than the 30 passes he did with the Jets last season. Brady also gives the Jaguars an improvement in their run blocking. The coming of Brady would allow more use of the double-tight end formation if **Damon Jones** would cooperate with more consistent play. Jones, an undeniable talent, did catch four touchdown passes.

Terrific tackles

The Jags still have the best pair of tackles in the AFC, All-Pro **Tony Boselli** on the left side and **Leon Searcy** on the right. Rookie **Anthony Cesario** may challenge **Rich Tylski** at right guard. **Ben Coleman** plays the left side. Center **Quentin Neujahr** has trouble handling the bigger nose tackles. Second-year man **John Wade**, who played a lot as a rookie, should challenge Neujahr.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Tom Coughlin, Head Coach
Dom Capers, Defensive Coordinator; Joe Baker, Assistant Special Teams; Pete Carmichael, Wide Receivers; Perry Fewell, Secondary; Fred Hoaglin, Tight Ends; Jerald Ingram, Running Backs; Mike Maser, Offensive Line; Jerry Palmieri, Strength and Conditioning; Larry Pasquale, Special Teams Coordinator; John Pease, Defensive Line; Lucious Seimon, Outside Linebackers; Steve Szabo, Inside Linebackers

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
7	Furrer, Will	QB	6-3	215	02/05/68	3	Virginia Tech
8	Brunell, Mark	QB	6-1	216	09/17/70	5	Washington
10	Martin, Jamie	QB	6-2	210	02/08/70	2	Weber State
11	Fiedler, Jay	QB	6-1	214	12/29/71	3	Dartmouth
12	Quinn, Jonathan	QB	6-6	230	02/27/75	1	Middle Tennessee State

#	OFFENSIVE LINE		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
72	Searcy, Leon	T	6-3	315	12/21/69	7	Miami (FL)
62	Coleman, Ben	G	6-5	325	05/18/71	6	Wake Forest
67	Novak, Jeff	G	6-5	298	07/27/67	5	Southwest Texas State
72	Wiegert, Zach	G	6-4	315	08/16/72	4	Nebraska
71	Boselli, Tony	T	6-7	322	04/17/72	4	Southern California
67	Ingram, Steve	T	6-4	320	05/08/71	1	Maryland
65	Neujahr, Quentin	C	6-4	285	01/30/71	3	Kansas State
63	Cheever, Michael	C	6-3	298	06/24/73	2	Georgia Tech
76	Tylski, Rich	G	6-5	309	02/27/71	3	Utah State
78	Fordham, Todd	G	6-5	302	10/09/73	2	Florida State
68	Nori, Mark	G	6-3	307	01/01/74	0	Boston College
66	Wade, John	G	6-6	302	01/25/75	1	Marshall

#	RUNNING BACKS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
33	Stewart, James	RB	6-1	224	12/27/71	4	Tennessee
43	Jones, George	RB	5-8	204	12/31/73	2	San Diego State
31	Shelton, Daimon	RB	6-0	247	09/15/72	2	Sacramento State
28	Taylor, Fred	RB	6-1	226	06/27/76	1	Florida
22	Banks, Tavian	RB	5-9	198	02/17/74	1	Iowa
24	Howard, Chris	RB	5-11	214	05/05/75	1	Michigan

#	RECEIVERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
87	McCardell, Keenan	WR	6-1	186	01/06/70	7	UNLV
82	Smith, Jimmy	WR	6-1	204	02/09/69	5	Jackson State
85	Griffith, Rich	TE	6-5	256	07/31/69	5	Arizona
88	Brady, Kyle	TE	6-6	260	01/14/72	4	Penn State
81	Moore, Will	WR	6-2	180	02/21/70	4	Texas Southern
84	Barlow, Reggie	WR	5-11	186	01/22/73	3	Alabama State
88	Jones, Damon	TE	6-6	287	09/18/74	2	Southern Illinois
86	Whitted, Alvis	WR	6-1	188	09/04/74	1	North Carolina State
	Quayle, Cam	TE	6-7	250	09/24/72	0	Weber State

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
56	Lageman, Jeff	DE	6-6	267	07/18/67	10	Virginia
99	Smeenge, Joel	DE	6-6	270	04/01/68	9	Western Michigan
75	Curry, Eric	DE	6-5	270	02/03/70	6	Alabama
96	Walker, Gary	DT	6-2	285	02/28/73	4	Auburn
93	White, Jose	DT	6-3	274	03/02/73	2	Howard
90	Brackens, Tony	DE	6-4	266	12/26/74	3	Texas
97	Wynn, Renaldo	DT	6-3	275	09/03/74	2	Notre Dame
91	Payne, Seth	DT	6-4	304	02/12/75	2	Cornell
98	Threats, Jabbar	DE	6-5	255	04/26/75	2	Michigan State
74	Williams, Lamanzer	DE	6-4	260	11/17/74	1	Minnesota
57	Lowe, Reggie	DE	6-2	245	06/14/75	1	Troy State

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
37	Lake, Carnell	CB	6-1	210	07/15/67	10	UCLA
27	Figures, Deon	CB	6-0	192	01/20/70	6	Colorado
41	Thomas, Dave	CB	6-3	215	08/25/68	6	Tennessee
21	Beasley, Aaron	CB	5-11	206	07/07/73	3	West Virginia
32	Logan, Mike	S	6-1	200	09/15/74	2	West Virginia
38	McElmurry, Blaine	S	6-0	188	10/23/73	1	Montana
20	Darius, Donovin	S	6-1	205	08/12/75	1	Syracuse
23	Taylor, Cordell	CB	6-0	280	12/22/73	1	Hampton
29	Settles, Tawambi	S	6-2	191	01/19/76	1	Duke

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
95	Paup, Bryce	LB	6-5	247	02/29/68	9	Northern Iowa
52	Boyer, Brant	LB	6-1	231	06/27/71	5	Arizona
53	Mason, Eddie	LB	6-0	245	01/09/72	2	North Carolina
58	Schwartz, Bryan	LB	6-4	253	12/05/71	4	Augustana (SD)
55	McManus, Tom	LB	6-2	247	07/30/70	3	Boston College
51	Hardy, Kevin	LB	6-4	246	07/24/73	3	Illinois
54	Hamilton, James	LB	6-5	235	04/17/74	2	North Carolina
50	Storz, Erik	LB	6-2	228	06/24/75	1	Boston College

#	KICKERS		HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
4	Barker, Bryan	P	6-2	191	06/28/64	9	Santa Clara
1	Hollis, Mike	K	5-7	178	05/22/72	4	Idaho
	Lindsey, Steve	K	6-0	166	11/25/74	0	Mississippi

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	26	Bryant, Fernando	CB	6-0	177	03/26/77	Alabama
2	56	Smith, Larry	DT	6-5	288	12/04/74	Florida State
3	88	Cesario, Anthony	G	6-6	305	07/19/76	Colorado State
4	121	Landolt, Kevin	DT	6-5	290	10/25/75	West Virginia
5	160	Craft, Jason	CB	5-10	170	02/13/76	Colorado State
6	182	Leroy, Emarlos	DT	6-2	300	07/31/75	Georgia
7	242	Moronkola, Dee	CB	5-10	188	07/01/77	Washington State
7	246	White, Chris	DT	6-5	270	—	Southern University

1998 FINAL STATS

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DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 24-23	at Chicago
09/13	W 21-16	Kansas City
09/20	W 24-10	Baltimore
09/27	W 27-22	at Tennessee
10/12	W 28-21	Miami
10/18	L 16-17	at Buffalo
10/25	L 24-37	at Denver
11/01	W 45-19	at Baltimore
11/08	W 24-11	Cincinnati
11/15	W 29-24	Tampa Bay
11/22	L 15-30	at Pittsburgh
11/29	W 34-17	at Cincinnati
12/06	W 37-22	Detroit
12/13	L 13-16	Tennessee
12/20	L 10-50	at Minnesota
12/28	W 21-3	Pittsburgh

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Taylor	264	1223	4.6	77	14
Stewart	53	217	4.1	30	2
Brunell	49	192	3.9	18	0
Banks	26	140	5.4	51	1
Jones	39	121	3.1	21	0
Shelton	30	95	3.2	16	1
Quinn	11	77	7.0	17	1
Martin	5	8	1.6	6	0
Howard	7	16	2.3	5	0
Whitted	3	13	4.3	16	0
Martin	5	8	1.6	6	0

Team	487	2102	4.3	77	19
Opponents	450	2000	4.4	61	9

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Smith	78	1182	15.2	72	8
McCardell	64	892	13.9	67	6
Taylor	44	421	9.6	78	3
Mitchell	38	363	9.6	38	2
Barlow	11	168	15.3	31	0
Shelton	10	79	7.9	19	0
D. Jones	8	90	11.3	31	4
Stewart	6	42	7.0	19	1
Banks	4	20	5.0	10	0
Whitted	2	61	30.5	55	0
Crockett	1	4	4.0	4	0
Howard	1	3	3.0	3	0
G. Jones	1	9	9.0	9	0
Will Moore	1	9	9.0	9	0

Team	269	3343	12.4	78	24
Opponents	325	3768	11.6	79	23

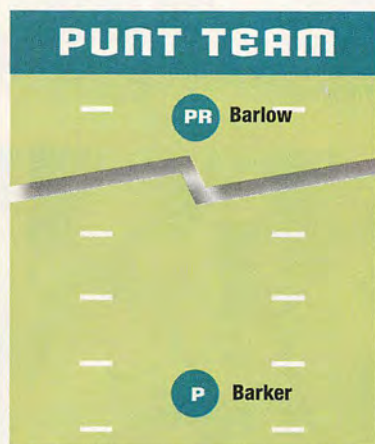
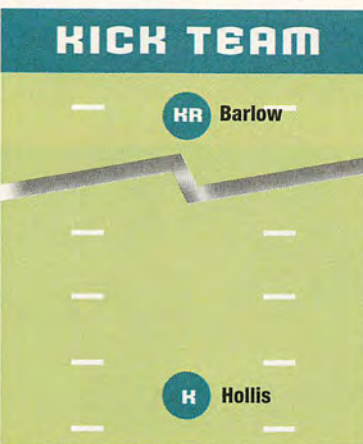
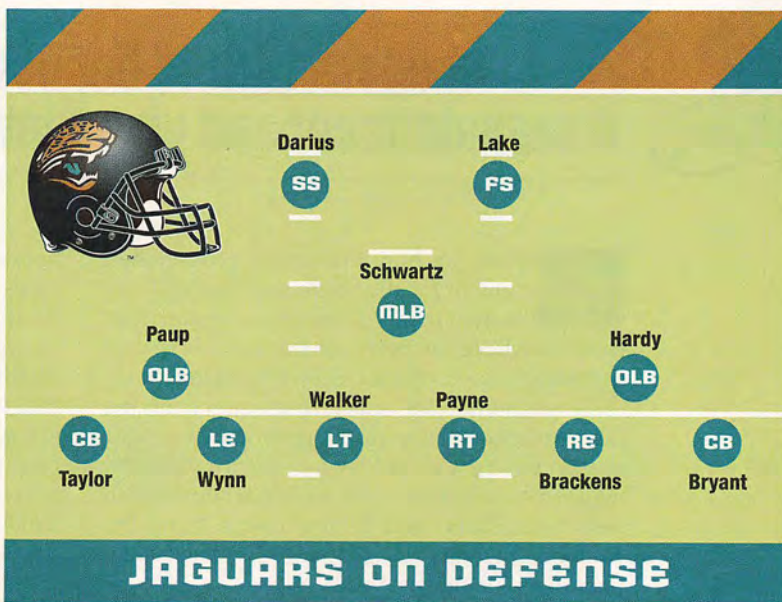
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Brunell	354	208	2601	20	9
Quinn	64	34	387	2	3
Martin	45	27	355	2	0
Team	463	269	3343	24	12
Opponents	577	325	3768	23	13

SACKS

Smeenge 7.5, Paup 6.5, Brackens 3.5, Pritchett 3.0, White 3.0, Smith 2.0, Hardy 1.5, Boyer 1.0, Wynn 1.0, Davis 0.5, Jurkovic 0.5

Team 30.0, Opponents 39.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS



PITTSBURGH STEELERS



Steelers look to bounce back from '98 disappointment and give Stewart less to cry about.

Excuse the pun, but it was a watershed moment for the Steelers in Three Rivers Stadium in mid-December when quarterback Kordell Stewart, removed from a game against Tampa Bay, stood on the sidelines weeping.

Forget about the machismo aspect, or the failure to meet NFL testosterone levels. The major question in the wake of Stewart's tears is: Does the man who is supposed to be the linear successor to Terry Bradshaw and Bobby Layne have the emotional stability to lead the Steelers back to the playoffs? For the first time in the six-year Bill Cowher era, Pittsburgh was absent from the postseason, and a lot of it had to do with the malfunctioning of the quarterback. In their final five games the Steelers scored 55 points, almost half in a 25-24 loss to hapless Cincinnati.

The crying game

If Stewart's tears were the result of frustration, he has plenty of company. Pittsburgh management is frustrated by his lack of development entering his fifth NFL season. If Kordell doesn't do it this season, there is no Plan B. Behind him are career backup Mike Tomczak and untested Pete Gonzalez. Stewart will play for his third offensive coordinator in three years, former Charger head coach Kevin Gilbride. If Gilbride is able to turn around Stewart's career, he'll probably reawaken his own future possibilities for another head coaching job.

Bus mileage

With so much doubt surrounding Stewart, the mantra around Steelerland is "give it to the Bus." The problem with that is the Bus, Jerome Bettis,

appears to be wearing down. He gained 1,185 yards last season, but he averaged 1,500 yards in the two previous seasons. Since turning pro Bettis has carried the ball 1,893 times. Big power backs usually have a short shelf life. Earl Campbell, the Hall of Famer to whom Bettis is compared, played just seven seasons. An occasional change of pace might help the Pittsburgh ground game, which is why **Amos Zereoue**, who has a touch of Barry Sanders' dash, was drafted. **Jon Witman** becomes the full-time fullback.

The Steelers were gouged again by free-agency raids, one of which cost them their top receiver, Charles Johnson. The No. 1 draft choice was used on **Troy Edwards** of Louisiana Tech, who proved he could run with the big dogs by catching 21 passes for 405 yards against Nebraska. "The best I've seen at running after the catch," claims Gilbride. Unfortunately, Edwards is not an addition but a replacement.

The rest of the receiving corps is nondescript. **Courtney Hawkins** caught 66 passes, but he's no game breaker. Hines Ward has to become the "slash" he was as a Georgia collegian. **Mark Bruener** is a yeoman blocker at tight end, but he's not much involved in the passing attack.

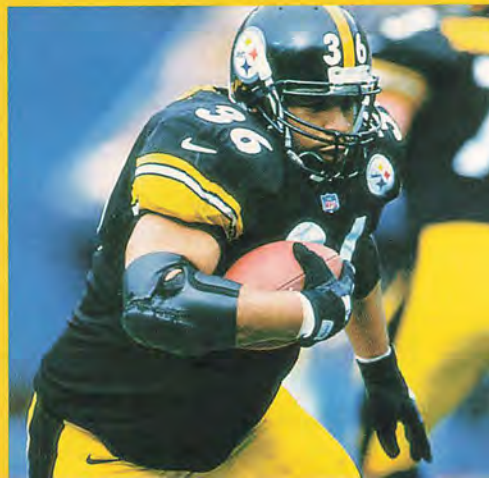
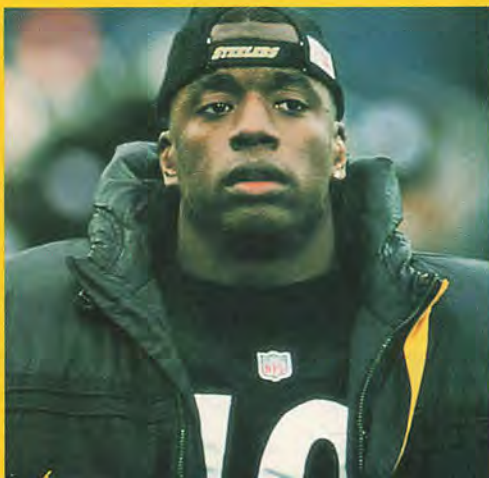
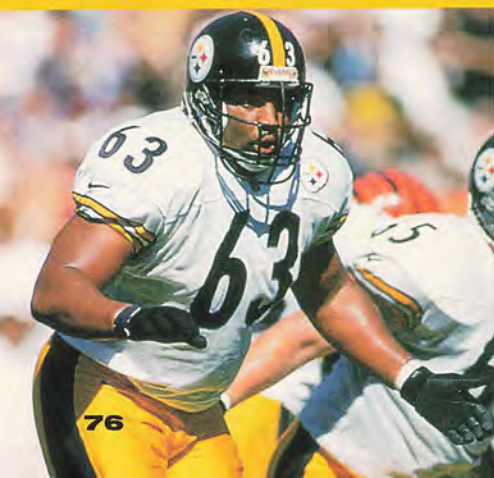
There are problems at the offensive tackle positions. Left tackle Will Wolford retired and **Justin Strzelczyk**, who might have switched from the right side to replace him, is likely to miss the season due to a knee injury. **Wayne Gandy** of the Rams was signed as a free agent to play left tackle. **Jamain Stephens**, a first-round flop up to now, is scheduled to start on the right side. Other possibilities are free agent **Anthony Brown** and

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	286.6	25
Rushing	127.1	7
Passing	159.5	29
Scoring	16.4	28
Punt Returns	10.3	16T
Kick Returns	20.3	25
Total Defense	310.2	12
Against Rush	102.6	13
Against Pass	207.6	18
Pts Allowed	18.9	7
Interceptions	16	17T
Sacks	41	12T
Turnover Diff.	-3	19

With quality players around him like All-Pro center Dermontti Dawson (left) and running back Jerome Bettis (right), some wonder why quarterback Kordell Stewart is having his problems of late in Pittsburgh.



99 STEELERS SCHEDULE

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WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17	WEEK 18



Levon Kirkland is beginning to dominate opponents in the same way that former Steeler great Jack Lambert did.

rookie Kris Farris, UCLA's Outland Trophy winner. The interior of the line is more robust, starting with All-Pro center Dermontti Dawson. Alan Faneca played well as a rookie at left guard. Brenden Stai is on the right side.

Levon's amazing feats

The strength of the defense is the linebacking. **Levon Kirkland**, one of the best defenders in the NFL, performs all kinds of amazing feats from his left inside backer position. Linebackers accounted for 24 of Pittsburgh's 41 sacks, with left outside backer **Jason Gildon** contributing 11. **Earl Holmes** plays the right inside position with end **Carlos Emmons** to his right. **Mike Vrabel** had just 2.5 sacks, but the coaches think he has Kevin Greene-like possibilities.

The line is thin. **Joel Steed** plays as well as any nose tackle, and the ends, **Nolan Harrison** on the left and **Kevin Henry** on the right, are fine. There is little behind them now. **Jeremy Staat** was a zero as a rookie.

Great Lake shifts

The biggest vacancy in the secondary was caused by the departure of **Carnell Lake**, one of the franchise's all-time warriors, for division-rival Jacksonville. **Chad Scott** returns from injured reserve because of a serious knee injury, but it's questionable whether he can still play right corner. **Dewayne Washington** had a so-so year at left corner. **Lethon Flowers** is the strong safety. Free safety will be a battle among **Chris Oldham**, journeyman **Bo Orlando** and rookie **Scott Shields**.

Rookie **Kris Brown** of Nebraska gets first crack at the kicking job. **Josh Miller** had more punts that ended up inside the opposition 20 than anyone in the league.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Bill Cowher, Head Coach

Jim Haslett, Defensive Coordinator; Mike Archer, Linebackers; Dick Hoak, Running Backs; Tim Lewis, Defensive Backs; Mike Mularkey, Tight Ends; John Mitchell, Defensive Line; Kent Stephenson, Offensive Line

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
18	Tomczak, Mike	QB 6-1	201	10/23/62	14	Ohio State
10	Stewart, Kordell	QB 6-1	212	10/16/72	4	Colorado
7	Gonzalez, Pete	QB 6-1	217	07/04/74	0	Pittsburgh
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
66	Sweeney, Jim	C 6-4	295	08/08/62	15	Pittsburgh
62	Duffy, Roger	G 6-3	305	07/16/67	9	Penn State
60	Rodenhauser, Mark	C 6-5	280	06/01/61	11	Illinois State
63	Dawson, Dermontti	C 6-2	288	06/17/65	11	Kentucky
73	Strzelczyk, Justin	T 6-6	302	08/18/68	9	Maine
70	Gandy, Wayne	T 6-4	300	02/10/71	5	Auburn
68	Stai, Brenden	G 6-4	305	03/30/72	4	Nebraska
75	Brown, Anthony	T 6-5	310	11/06/72	4	Utah
67	Stephens, Jamain	T 6-6	330	01/09/74	3	North Carolina A&T
65	Faneca, Alan	G 6-5	310	12/07/76	1	Louisiana State
78	Conrad, Chris	T 6-7	270	05/27/75	1	Fresno State
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
39	Bettis, Jerome	RB 5-11	243	02/16/72	6	Notre Dame
33	Huntley, Richard	RB 5-11	224	09/18/72	2	Winston-Salem
38	Witman, Jon	RB 6-1	240	06/01/72	3	Penn State
35	King, Carlos	RB 6-2	226	11/25/73	1	North Carolina State
45	Fuamatu-Ma'afala	RB 6-0	280	03/04/77	1	Utah
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
88	Hawkins, Courtney	WR 5-9	183	12/12/69	7	Michigan State
85	Lyons, Mitch	TE 6-5	265	05/13/70	6	Michigan State
84	Bishop, Harold	TE 6-4	250	04/08/70	4	Louisiana State
87	Bruener, Mark	TE 6-4	258	09/16/72	4	Washington
83	Dunn, David	WR 6-3	210	06/10/72	4	Fresno State
86	Van Dyke, Alex	WR 6-0	200	07/24/74	3	Nevada
14	Bailey, Henry	WR 5-8	176	02/28/73	1	UNLV
89	Blackwell, Will	WR 6-0	180	07/09/75	2	San Diego State
86	Ward, Hines	WR 5-11	190	03/08/76	1	Georgia
15	Shaw, Bobby	WR 6-1	190	04/23/75	1	California
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
74	Harrison, Nolan	DE 6-5	280	01/25/69	8	Indiana
93	Steed, Joel	NT 6-2	300	02/17/69	7	Colorado
76	Henry, Kevin	DE 6-4	282	10/23/68	6	Mississippi State
71	Royce, Orpheus	DE 6-4	290	01/21/74	3	Florida State
94	Staat, Jeremy	DE 6-6	283	10/10/76	1	Arizona State
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
24	Oldham, Chris	CB 5-9	193	10/26/68	9	Oregon
20	Washington, D.	CB 5-11	186	12/27/72	5	North Carolina State
45	Davis, Travis	S 6-0	203	01/10/73	4	Notre Dame
29	Brown, Lance	CB 6-0	200	02/02/72	3	Indiana
41	Flowers, Lethon	S 6-0	213	01/14/73	4	Georgia Tech
30	Scott, Chad	CB 6-1	189	09/06/74	1	Maryland
26	Townsend, Deshea	CB 5-10	180	09/08/75	1	Alabama
23	Simmons, Jason	CB 5-10	185	03/30/76	1	Arizona State
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
99	Kirkland, Levon	LB 6-1	264	02/17/69	7	Clemson
92	Gildon, Jason	LB 6-3	245	07/31/72	5	Oklahoma State
50	Holmes, Earl	LB 6-2	246	04/28/73	3	Florida A&M
51	Emmons, Carlos	LB 6-5	246	09/03/73	3	Arkansas State
56	Vrabel, Mike	LB 6-3	271	08/14/75	2	Ohio State
57	Fiala, John	LB 6-2	235	11/25/73	1	Washington
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
4	Miller, Josh	P 6-3	215	07/14/70	3	Arizona

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	13	Edwards, Troy	WR	5-10	195	04/07/77	Louisiana Tech
2	59	Shields, Scott	S	6-5	225	03/29/76	Weber State
3	73	Porter, Joey	LB	6-3	255	03/22/77	Colorado State
3	74	Farris, Kris	T	6-9	310	03/26/77	UCLA
3	95	Zereoue, Amos	RB	5-10	200	10/08/76	West Virginia
4	109	Smith, Aaron	DE	6-6	270	—	Northern Colorado
5	136	Tuman, Jerame	TE	6-5	249	03/24/76	Michigan
5	166	Johnson, Malcolm	WR	6-5	215	08/27/77	Notre Dame
7	214	Dingle, Antonio	DT	6-3	302	10/07/76	Virginia
7	219	Kelsay, Chad	DE	6-3	250	04/09/77	Nebraska
7	228	Brown, Kris	K	5-10	205	12/23/76	Nebraska

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 7, Lost 9

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 20-13	at Baltimore
09/13	W 17-12	Chicago
09/20	L 0-21	at Miami
09/27	W 13-10	Seattle
10/11	L 20-25	at Cincinnati
10/18	W 16-6	Baltimore
10/26	W 20-13	at Kansas City
11/01	L 31-41	Tennessee
11/09	W 27-20	Green Bay
11/15	L 14-23	at Tennessee
11/22	W 30-15	Jacksonville
11/26	L 16-19	at Detroit
12/06	L 9-23	New England
12/13	L 3-16	at Tampa Bay
12/20	L 24-25	Cincinnati
12/28	L 3-21	at Jacksonville

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Bettis	316	1185	3.8	42	3
Stewart	81	406	5.0	56	2
Huntley	55	242	4.4	48	1
McAfee	18	111	6.2	14	0
Hawkins	10	41	4.1	14	0
Fuamatu-Ma'afala	7	30	4.3	10	2
Ward	1	13	13.0	13	0
Johnson	1	4	4.0	4	0
Witman	1	2	2.0	2	0
Team	490	2034	4.2	56	8
Opponents	479	1642	3.4	37	8

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Hawkins	66	751	11.4	53	1
Johnson	65	815	12.5	55	7
Blackwell	32	297	9.3	24	1
Bruener	19	157	8.3	20	2
Bettis	16	90	5.6	26	0
Ward	15	246	16.4	45	0
Witman	13	74	5.7	15	0
Dunn	9	87	9.7	24	0
Fuamatu-Ma'afala	9	84	9.3	26	1
Lester	9	46	5.1	9	0
McAfee	9	27	3.0	11	0
Coleman	4	49	12.3	13	1
Huntley	3	18	6.0	7	0
Lyons	3	19	6.3	11	0
Bishop	1	4	4.0	4	0
Stewart	1	17	17.0	17	0
Team	274	2781	10.1	55	13
Opponents	268	3559	13.3	86	17

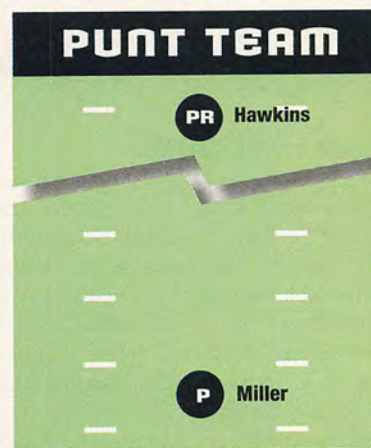
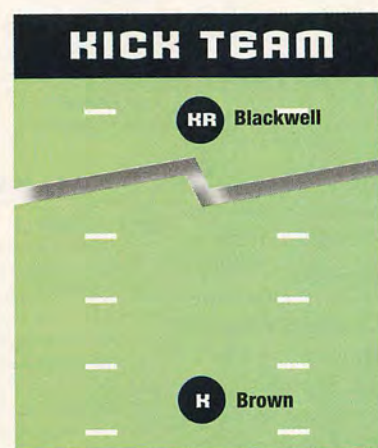
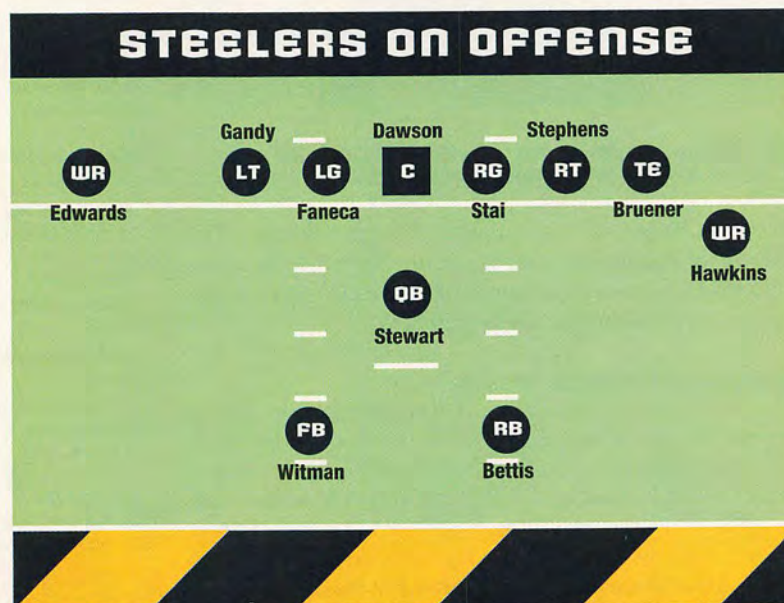
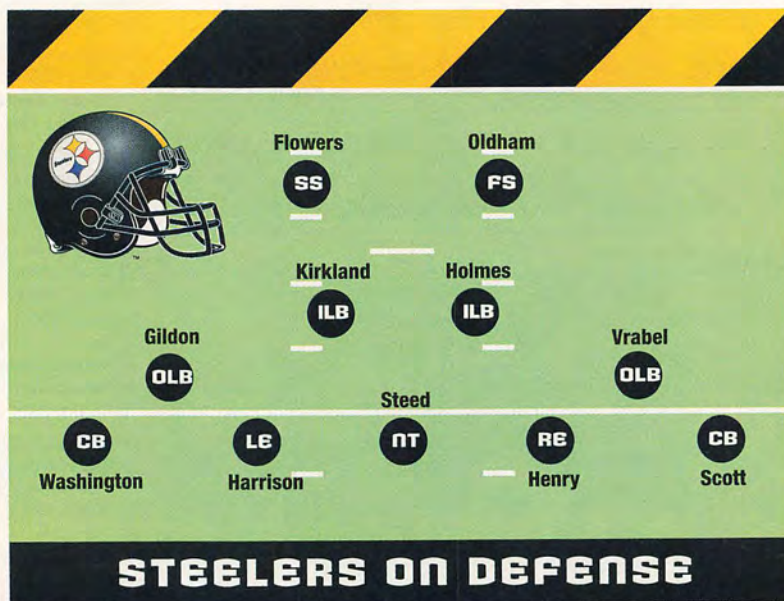
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Stewart	458	252	2560	11	18
Tomczak	30	21	204	2	2
Ward	1	1	17	0	0
Team	489	274	2781	13	20
Opponents	482	268	3559	17	16

SACKS

Gildon 11.0, Henry 4.0, Emmons 3.5, Harrison 3.5, Royce 3.5, Jones 3.0, Kirkland 2.5, Vrabel 2.5, Gibson 2.0, Holmes 1.5, Flowers 1.0, Lake 1.0, Steed 1.0, Oldham 0.5, Perry 0.5

Team 41.0, Opponents 35.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS





Can vagabond Titans pass threshold of mediocrity in the Music City?

The Titans have it stuck in neutral. For three consecutive seasons, whether they were the Houston Oilers, the Oilers based in Memphis or the Nashville-based Oilers, they finished with 8-8 records. In Jeff Fisher's four full seasons as head coach, the team is 31-33, a model of mediocrity.

Maybe it will be different now that they're the Titans, comfortably ensconced in Nashville, but in order to make that happen they'll need a lot of help from quarterback **Steve McNair** and running back **Eddie George**.

Going the distance

George gained 1,294 yards last year, third in the AFC but the lowest total of his three-year career. Most alarming was his late-year slide. He had just two 100-yard games in the last seven games. McNair passed for just five touchdowns in the second half of the season. He completed just two passes of more than 44 yards all season. The Titans finished 2-6 down the stretch. That's part of a pattern. In '97 they lost three of their last four, in '96 they finished 2-6. Two years ago, McNair threw just four touchdown passes in the last half of the season. In the final nine games, George had five contests in which his rushing average was 41 yards. There is a feeling

Steve McNair's improvement as the Titans' quarterback may be just a little too incremental.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	328.8	9
Rushing	123.1	9
Passing	205.7	15
Scoring	20.6	13
Punt Returns	9.8	21
Kick Returns	20.5	24
Total Defense	320.1	16
Against Rush	100.6	9T
Against Pass	219.4	20
Pts Allowed	20.0	12
Interceptions	12	26T
Sacks	30	27T
Turnover Diff.	0	15

around the Titans that neither star is in good enough physical shape to endure for a full season.

Air Titanic?

For a franchise quarterback, McNair's improvement has been glacial. His passing-efficiency rating was 80.1, a 10-point improvement but still just seventh in the AFC. What would help him is increased production from his two prominent wide receivers. After **Yancey Thigpen** was signed from Pittsburgh, he missed a lot of time with a foot injury,

then showed a cavalier attitude toward getting himself ready in the training room. He caught only 38 passes. The Titans chose **Kevin Dyson** five places ahead of Randy Moss in the 1998 draft, but Dyson was barely noticed all season, catching just 21 passes.

Both George and McNair could benefit from the signing of **Lorenzo Neal**, the first bona fide fullback for the team in a decade. Having Neal in the backfield translates to **Frank Wycheck** and **Jackie Harris** becoming authentic tight ends instead of H-backs. Wycheck, with 70 catches, and Harris (43) were the team's leading receivers, which should tell you everything about the nature of the passing attack.

Bruce Matthews' Band

Bruce Matthews begins his 17th NFL season by switching from left guard to center, a position he's played before. The tackles are strong, with **Brad Hopkins** on the left side and **Jon Runyan** on the right. The guards, **Benji Olson** on the left and **Jason Layman** on the right, are a little shaky. **Scott Sanderson** moves from tackle to challenge them.

A Kearsse on the defense

The first two draft picks were aimed at putting some punch in the pass rush. Florida's **Jevon Kearse**, with speed and a huge wingspan, could make an immediate impact as the top pass rusher off the edge. The brass thinks he's big enough to play end. **Lonnie Marts**, a third-down linebacker, was the leading sacker with four. The second draftee is **John Thornton**, a big tackle from West Virginia who can play outside. The Titans deserve a double-barreled return on Kearse and Thornton since they've been disappointed by former



99 TITANS SCHEDULE

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The Titans' top producers on offense are again expected to be 1,000-yard rusher Eddie George (left) and tight end/H-back Frank Wycheck, who had 70 catches in 1998.

first-rounders **Henry Ford** and **Kenny Holmes**.

Ford starts on the left side and Holmes on the right, but something will have to give for Kears. Thornton should push tackles **Josh Evans** and **Jason Fisk**, a free agent from the Vikings.

The linebacking starters are **Barron Wortham** in the middle, **Joe Bowden** on the left and **Eddie Robinson**, the most consistent of the bunch, on the right.

Safety gap?

At one time the Titans had the premier safeties in the AFC with **Blaine Bishop** on the strong side and **Marcus Robertson** at free. Now both have had knee troubles. Robertson could be spelled by rookie **Brad Ware**. They need Bishop in the lineup for his immense leadership ability. **Denard Walker** will get a challenge from second-year left corner **Samari Rolle**. **Darryll Lewis** has lost speed on the right corner.

Only the perfect season of Minnesota's Gary Anderson could overshadow **Al Del Greco's** AFC-leading 36-for-39 field-goal numbers. He doesn't try anything over 50 any longer, but he's still deadly. Free agent money was well spent on ex-Packer punter **Craig Hentrich**. He led the AFC in both average, 47.2, and net average, 39.2.

Rookie **Darran Hall**, a receiver out of Colorado State, could challenge holdovers **Mike Archie** and **Derrick Mason** for the return duties. Archie returned 42 kicks for a 21.7-yard average last season, while Mason handled 31 punts at a 7.4-yard clip.

TENNESSEE TITANS

Jeff Fisher, Head Coach

Les Steckel, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks; Gregg Williams, Defensive Coordinator; Bart Andrus, Offensive Assistant/Quality Control; Jerry Gray, Defensive Backs; O'Neill Gilbert, Linebackers; George Henshaw, Offensive Line/Tight Ends; Alan Lowry, Wide Receivers; Mike Munchak, Offensive Line; Sherman Smith, Running Backs; Steve Watterson, Strength and Rehabilitation

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Matthews, Steve	QB	6-3	209	10/13/70	2 Memphis
9	McNair, Steve	QB	6-2	224	02/14/73	4 Alcorn State
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
72	Hopkins, Brad	T	6-3	306	09/05/70	6 Illinois
76	Mathews, Jason	T	6-5	290	02/09/71	5 Texas A&M
61	Pilgrim, Evan	G	6-4	304	08/14/72	3 Brigham Young
66	Layman, Jason	G	6-5	306	07/29/73	3 Tennessee
69	Runyan, Jon	T	6-7	308	11/27/73	3 Michigan
73	Sanderson, Scott	T	6-6	296	07/25/74	2 Washington State
75	Olson, Benji	G	6-4	310	06/05/75	1 Washington
60	Long, Kevin	C	6-5	290	05/02/75	1 Florida State
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
41	Neal, Lorenzo	RB	5-11	240	12/27/70	6 Fresno State
20	Thomas, Rodney	RB	5-10	213	03/30/73	4 Texas A&M
27	George, Eddie	RB	6-3	232	09/24/73	3 Ohio State
22	Archie, Mike	RB	5-8	205	10/14/72	3 Penn State
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
88	Harris, Jackie	TE	6-4	246	01/04/68	9 Northeast Louisiana
82	Thigpen, Yancey	WR	6-1	202	08/15/69	8 Winston-Salem
89	Wycheck, Frank	TE	6-3	247	10/14/71	6 Maryland
81	Sanders, Chris	WR	6-1	184	05/08/72	4 Ohio State
80	Roan, Michael	TE	6-3	251	08/29/72	4 Wisconsin
86	Kent, Joey	WR	6-1	185	04/23/74	2 Tennessee
85	Mason, Derrick	WR	5-11	193	01/17/74	2 Michigan State
87	Dyson, Kevin	WR	6-1	197	06/23/75	1 Utah
83	Byrd, Isaac	WR	6-1	188	11/16/74	2 Kansas
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
90	Jones, Mike D.	DE	6-4	295	08/25/69	8 North Carolina State
92	Ford, Henry	DT	6-3	284	10/30/71	5 Arkansas
72	Fisk, Jason	DT	6-3	291	09/04/72	4 Stanford
91	Evans, Josh	DT	6-0	280	09/06/72	4 UAB
90	Roberson, James	DE	6-3	275	05/03/71	3 Florida State
99	Holmes, Kenny	DE	6-4	250	10/24/73	2 Miami (FL)
98	Lyons, Pratt	DT	6-5	278	09/17/74	2 Troy State
95	Salave'a, Joe	DT	6-4	280	03/23/75	1 Arizona
93	Sutton, Mike	DE	6-4	263	04/21/75	1 Louisiana State
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
29	Lewis, Darryll	CB	5-9	183	12/16/68	8 Arizona
24	Jackson, Steve	CB	5-8	182	04/08/69	8 Purdue
31	Robertson, Marcus	S	5-11	197	10/02/69	8 Iowa State
23	Bishop, Blaine	S	5-9	197	07/24/70	6 Ball State
33	Dorsett, Anthony	CB	5-11	203	09/14/73	3 Pittsburgh
25	Walker, Denard	CB	6-1	187	08/09/73	2 Louisiana State
28	McCullough, George	CB	5-10	190	02/18/75	2 Baylor
21	Rolle, Samari	CB	6-1	175	08/10/76	1 Florida State
37	Sidney, Dainon	CB	6-2	197	05/30/75	1 UAB
35	Phenix, Perry	S	5-11	210	11/14/74	1 Southern Mississippi
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
51	Marts, Lonnie	LB	6-2	240	11/10/68	8 Tulane
55	Robinson, Eddie	LB	6-1	238	04/13/70	7 Alabama State
58	Bowden, Joe	LB	5-11	230	02/25/70	7 Oklahoma
52	Wortham, Barron	LB	5-11	244	11/01/69	5 UTEP
50	Killens, Terry	LB	6-1	232	03/24/74	3 Penn State
59	Stallings, Dennis	LB	6-0	234	05/25/74	2 Illinois
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
3	Del Greco, Al	K	5-10	200	03/02/62	15 Auburn
15	Hentrich, Craig	P	6-3	200	05/18/71	5 Notre Dame

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	16	Kearse, Jevon	DE	6-5	254	09/03/76	Florida
2	52	Thornton, John	DT	6-3	300	10/02/76	West Virginia
3	81	Piller, Zach	G	6-6	322	05/02/76	Florida
4	114	Ware, Brad	S	6-2	202	03/26/78	Auburn
4	117	Mitchell, Donald	CB	5-10	190	12/14/76	Southern Methodist
5	151	Daft, Kevin	QB	6-2	200	11/19/75	California-Davis
6	186	Hall, Darran	WR	5-11	180	09/08/75	Colorado State
7	222	Glover, Phil	LB	6-0	237	12/17/75	Utah

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 8, Lost 8

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 23-14	at Cincinnati
09/13	L 7-13	San Diego
09/20	L 16-27	at New England
09/27	L 22-27	Jacksonville
10/11	W 12-8	at Baltimore
10/18	W 44-14	Cincinnati
10/25	L 20-23	Chicago
11/01	W 41-31	at Pittsburgh
11/08	W 31-22	at Tampa Bay
11/15	W 23-14	Pittsburgh
11/22	L 3-24	NY Jets
11/29	L 18-20	at Seattle
12/06	W 16-14	Baltimore
12/13	W 16-13	at Jacksonville
12/20	L 22-30	at Green Bay
12/26	L 16-26	Minnesota

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
George	348	1294	3.7	37	5
McNair	77	559	7.3	71	4
Thomas	24	100	4.2	21	2
Archie	6	24	4.0	20	1
Dyson	1	4	4.0	4	0
Stepnoski	1	0	0.0	0	0
Krieg	3	-1	-0.3	0	0
Hentrich	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Sanders	1	-9	-9.0	-9	0
Team	462	1970	4.3	71	12
Opponents	414	1610	3.9	66	9

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Wycheck	70	768	11.0	38	2
Harris	43	412	9.6	32	2
Thigpen	38	493	13.0	55	3
George	37	310	8.4	29	1
Davis	32	461	14.4	38	3
Mason	25	333	13.3	47	3
Dyson	21	263	12.5	45	2
Roan	13	93	7.2	16	0
Byrd	6	71	11.8	18	0
Thomas	6	55	9.2	20	0
Archie	5	25	5.0	7	0
Sanders	5	136	27.2	46	0
Kent	4	62	15.5	23	0
Team	305	3482	11.4	55	16
Opponents	319	3683	11.5	76	24

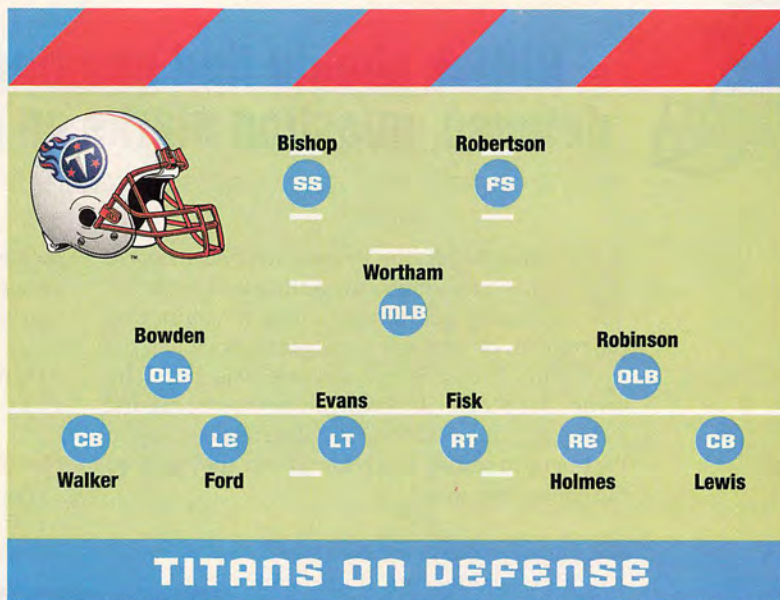
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
McNair	492	289	3228	15	10
Krieg	21	12	199	0	0
Matthews	3	2	24	0	0
Archie	2	1	18	1	0
Hentrich	1	1	13	0	0
Team	519	305	3482	16	10
Opponents	511	319	3683	24	12

SACKS

Marts 4.0, Evans 3.5, Robinson 3.5, Bishop 3.0, Holmes 2.5, Cook 2.0, Lyons 2.0, Rolle 2.0, Bowden 1.5, Ford 1.5, Jackson 1.5, Lewis 1.0, Salave'a 1.0, Walker 1.0

Team 30.0, Opponents 35.0

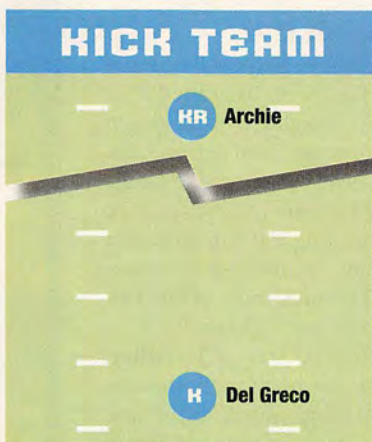
1999 PROJECTED STARTERS



TITANS ON DEFENSE



TITANS ON OFFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM



Billick should find exciting young players on defense, question marks on offense with Ravens.

Brian Billick, the Ravens' new head coach, has a reputation for getting the best out of young quarterbacks and rehabilitating the psyches of veteran quarterbacks. So, when the ex-Viking offensive coordinator was hired by owner Art Modell, he knew his new team needed a change at the position. The Ravens were last in the league in scoring touchdowns once they reached the enemy red zone.

Reclamation projects

Billick wanted to trade with Minnesota for his prize development project, Brad Johnson, who got hurt and lost his starting job with the Vikings to Randall Cunningham. The problem was that Washington, which lost Trent Green to St. Louis via free agency, beat him to it. So the new coach ended up with two tattered former starters, **Scott Mitchell** of Detroit and **Tony Banks** of the Rams. If Billick can rehabilitate the psyches of these two quarterbacks he'll be known as the "Second-Hand Rose" of the NFL. Mitchell ended up a third-stringer with the Lions and the Rams couldn't get Banks out of town fast enough.

Quarterback is not Billick's only problem. He lost three offensive line starters: center Wally Williams, right tackle Orlando Brown and starting tight end Eric Green. He also has stability problems at wide receiver and running back. There are times when Baltimore fans aren't so sure pro football returned to their city.

Lewis rising star at WR

One of the two best offensive players Baltimore has left is **Jermaine Lewis**, who averaged 19.1 yards on his 41 receptions, caught six touchdown passes and added two more on punt returns. He needs help. What he has now are so-so colleagues such as journeyman **Floyd Turner** (32 catches, five touchdowns), slow-developing **Pat Johnson** and rookie **Brandon Stokley**, a small-possession catcher. Free agent **Greg DeLong**, more of an extra blocker in Minnesota, is the new tight end.

The other Raven offensive star is **Jonathan Ogden**. With Ogden as the anchor, Baltimore seemed to have something going until the free-agent defections. Denver's 34-year-old **Harry Swayne** was signed to replace Brown at right

tackle. **Jeff Mitchell** becomes the third starting center since the team moved from Cleveland. Right guard **Jeff Blackshear** is on the verge of becoming a star. Ex-Viking **Everett Lindsay** will battle **James Atkins** and rookie **Edwin Mulitalo** for the left guard duty.

Running game has a Holmes

Billick has his fingers crossed that **Priest Holmes**, a surprise 1,008-yard rusher who led the team with 43 receptions, was no one-time wonder. **Errict Rhett**,

who lost his starting job to Holmes, is said to have dropped his chip-on-the-shoulder attitude after the coaching change. Even with Ogden, Blackshear and the departed starters in front of the ball carriers the Ravens still finished 20th in the league in rushing. Maybe **Charles Evans**, the Vikings' hard-blocking fullback who was signed as a free agent, will help matters.

Linebacking riches

The Ravens, with stars like pass rushers **Michael McCrary** and **Peter Boulware** and middle linebacker **Ray Lewis**, like to think of themselves as a team that rides on its defense. Upon further review, consider that Baltimore played just five games against playoff teams and lost four of them.

Jermaine Lewis developed into a dangerous deep threat last season, averaging 19.1 yards per catch.

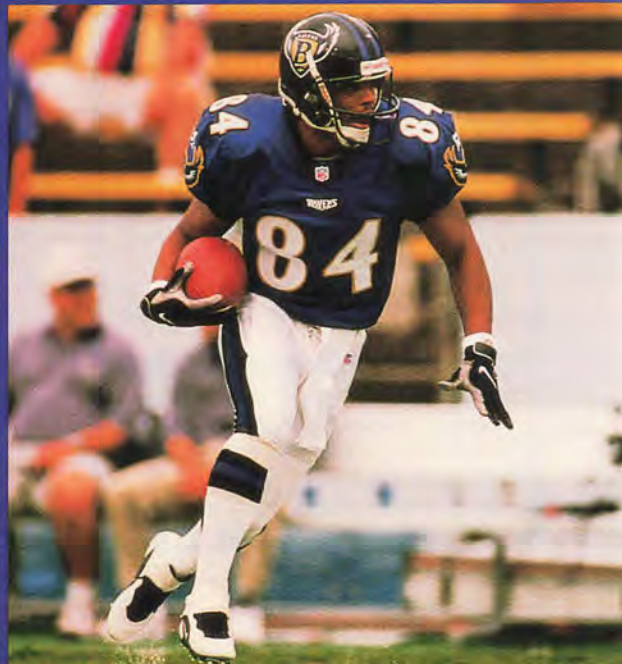
the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	281.1	26
Rushing	101.8	20
Passing	179.3	25
Scoring	16.8	26T
Punt Returns	12.6	5T
Kick Returns	24.6	4
Total Defense	331.1	22
Against Rush	106.6	17
Against Pass	224.5	24
Pts Allowed	20.9	16
Interceptions	17	16
Sacks	39	14T
Turnover Diff.	-7	23



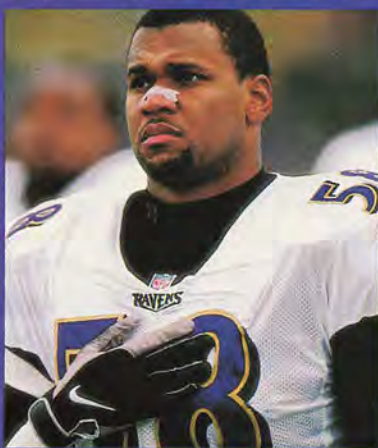
Priest Holmes was a big surprise in 1998 with 1,008 yards rushing and 43 receptions.



99 RAVENS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 6

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
							
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17
							



Detroit refugee Scott Mitchell (left) will battle ex-Ram Tony Banks for the quarterbacking job, while solid Peter Boulware will help form one of the league's best linebacking corps.

McCrary, who was second in the AFC with 14.5 sacks, and Boulware, who had 8.5, are among the best pass rushers in the NFL but the Ravens still finished 24th in defense versus the pass. The draft may change that. The team's No. 1 pick is **Chris McAlister** of Arizona, possibly the best coverage man in college football. He'll start at left corner. At right corner is last year's top pick, **Duane Starks**, who intercepted five passes as a rookie. The coming of McAlister allows **Rod Woodson** to be moved to free safety. One of the NFL's all-time greats, Woodson intercepted six passes and returned two of them for touchdowns, but his play drooped alarmingly in the last six weeks. The position switch should give him a few more years. **Stevon Moore**, **Corey Harris** and **Kim Herring** battle for work at strong safety.

The defensive line was weakened when James Jones and Mike Frederick were lost to free agency and McCrary hurt his knee at the Pro Bowl, requiring surgery. **Rob Burnett**, the left end, seems on his last legs. Former Viking **Fernando Smith** could replace him. Right tackle **Tony Siragusa**, who meshed with Jones, may have more trouble with journeyman **Larry Webster** next to him. With Boulware at left linebacker and Lewis, a tackling machine, in the middle, this unit is tough, but **Jamie Sharper** doesn't measure up to his colleagues standards.

There is an odd coaching setup which could hurt the defense. Billick named Steve Shafer, his new defensive backs coach, as assistant head coach, and he is clearly the No. 2 man on the staff. Yet Marvin Lewis, thought to have been forced on Billick by Modell, remains as defensive coordinator.

On special teams, punter **Kyle Richardson** sported a 38.3 net average but was the only NFL punter to suffer two blocks.

BALTIMORE RAVENS

Brian Billick, Head Coach

Matt Cavanaugh, Offensive Coordinator; Marvin Lewis, Defensive Coordinator; Jack Del Rio, Linebackers Coach; Jeff Friday, Strength and Conditioning; Wade Harman, Tight Ends; Milt Jackson, Wide Receivers; Russ Purnell, Special Teams; Steve Shafer, Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Backs; Matt Simon, Running Backs; Jim Colletto, Offensive Line

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
12	Banks, Tony	QB	6-4	225	04/05/73	3 Michigan State
19	Mitchell, Scott	QB	6-6	230	01/02/68	7 Utah
14	Richardson, Wally	QB	6-4	225	02/11/74	2 Penn State

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
74	Swayne, Harry	T	6-5	295	02/02/65	12 Rutgers
61	Lindsay, Everett	G	6-4	290	09/18/70	4 Mississippi
69	Blackshear, Jeff	G	6-6	323	03/29/69	6 Northeast Louisiana
74	Atkins, James	T	6-6	303	01/28/70	5 Southwestern Louisiana
75	Ogden, Jonathan	T	6-8	318	07/31/74	3 UCLA
74	Harrison, Chris	T	6-3	290	02/25/72	1 Virginia
62	Flynn, Mike	T	6-3	295	06/15/74	1 Maine
71	Folau, Spencer	T	6-5	300	04/05/73	2 Idaho
	Williams, Sammy	G	6-5	312	12/14/74	0 Oklahoma
60	Mitchell, Jeff	C	6-4	300	01/29/74	1 Florida

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
29	Evans, Charles	RB	6-1	244	04/16/67	6 Clark Atlanta
44	Vinson, Tony	RB	6-1	230	03/13/71	1 Towson State
33	Holmes, Priest	RB	5-9	205	10/07/73	2 Texas
23	Cotton, Kenyon	RB	6-0	255	02/23/74	2 Southwestern Louisiana
	Robertson, Rob	RB	5-11	223	11/06/75	0 Northwestern State

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
87	Turner, Floyd	WR	5-11	199	05/29/66	9 Northwestern State
82	Le Bel, Harper	TE	6-4	255	07/14/63	10 Colorado State
82	Wainright, Frank	TE	6-3	245	10/10/67	7 Northern Colorado
84	Pierce, Aaron	TE	6-5	250	09/06/69	6 Washington
82	Ismail, Qadry	WR	6-0	196	11/08/70	6 Syracuse
89	Ofofiele, A.J.	TE	6-7	260	10/09/73	2 Missouri
85	DeLong, Greg	TE	6-4	251	04/03/73	4 North Carolina
84	Lewis, Jermaine	WR	5-7	172	10/16/74	3 Maryland
83	Roe, James	WR	6-1	187	08/23/73	3 Norfolk State
85	Purnell, Lovett	TE	6-2	250	04/07/72	3 West Virginia
85	Johnson, Pat	WR	5-10	180	08/10/76	1 Oregon

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
98	Siragusa, Tony	DT	6-3	320	05/14/67	9 Pittsburgh
90	Burnett, Rob	DE	6-4	280	08/27/67	9 Syracuse
79	Webster, Larry	DT	6-5	288	01/18/69	6 Maryland
99	McCrary, Michael	DE	6-4	270	07/07/70	6 Wake Forest
96	Smith, Fernando	DE	6-6	277	08/02/71	5 Jackson State
93	Washington, Keith	DE	6-4	268	12/18/73	3 UNLV
	Chase, Martin	DT	6-2	293	12/19/74	0 Oklahoma
	Robinson, Kareem	DE	6-4	250	07/01/76	0 Chattanooga
91	Dalton, Lionel	DT	6-1	320	02/21/75	1 Eastern Michigan
78	Fitzpatrick, Larry	DT	6-4	275	08/17/76	0 Illinois State

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
26	Woodson, Rod	CB	6-0	200	03/10/65	12 Purdue
37	Thompson, Bennie	S	6-0	214	02/10/63	10 Grambling
27	Moore, Stevon	S	5-11	210	02/09/67	8 Mississippi
24	Brady, Donny	CB	6-2	195	11/24/73	4 Wisconsin
25	Jenkins, DeRon	CB	5-11	190	11/14/73	3 Tennessee
20	Herring, Kim	S	6-0	196	10/10/75	2 Penn State
41	Staten, Ralph	S	6-3	205	12/03/74	2 Alabama
21	Williams, John	CB	5-7	165	07/26/74	2 Southern University
22	Starks, Duane	CB	5-10	175	05/23/74	1 Miami (FL)

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
52	Lewis, Ray	LB	6-1	235	05/15/75	3 Miami (FL)
58	Boulware, Peter	LB	6-5	255	12/18/74	2 Florida State
55	Sharper, Jamie	LB	6-3	238	11/23/74	2 Virginia
54	McCloud, Tyrus	LB	6-1	254	11/23/74	2 Louisville
51	Brown, Cornell	LB	6-0	240	03/15/75	2 Virginia Tech
53	Peters, Tyrell	LB	6-0	230	08/04/74	2 Oklahoma
50	Jackson, Brad	LB	6-2	228	01/11/75	0 Cincinnati

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
3	Stover, Matt	K	5-11	178	01/27/68	8 Louisiana Tech
5	Richardson, Kyle	P	6-2	192	02/03/73	2 Arkansas State

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	10	McAlister, Chris	CB	6-1	205	06/14/77	Arizona
4	106	Stokley, Brandon	WR	6-0	193	06/23/76	S.W. Louisiana
4	129	Mulitalo, Edwin	G	6-4	346	09/01/74	Arizona
7	216	Polindexter, Anthony	S	6-1	220	07/28/76	Virginia

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 6, Lost 10

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	L 13-20	Pittsburgh
09/13	W 24-10	at NY Jets
09/20	L 10-24	at Jacksonville
09/27	W 31-24	Cincinnati
10/11	L 8-12	Tennessee
10/18	L 6-16	at Pittsburgh
10/25	L 10-28	at Green Bay
11/01	L 19-45	Jacksonville
11/08	W 13-10	Oakland
11/15	L 13-14	at San Diego
11/22	W 20-13	at Cincinnati
11/29	W 38-31	Indianapolis
12/06	L 14-16	at Tennessee
12/13	L 28-38	Minnesota
12/20	L 3-24	at Chicago
12/27	W 19-10	Detroit

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Holmes	233	1008	4.3	56	7
Rhett	44	180	4.1	46	0
Harbaugh	40	172	4.3	15	0
Potts	36	115	3.2	33	0
Graham	35	109	3.1	12	0
Lewis	5	20	4.0	9	0
Zeier	11	17	1.5	7	0
Cotton	2	8	4.0	7	0
K. Richardson	1	0	0.0	0	0
W. Richardson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	408	1629	4.0	56	7
Opponents	472	1705	3.6	68	12

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Holmes	43	260	6.0	25	0
Lewis	41	784	19.1	73	6
Jackson	38	477	12.6	53	0
Green	34	422	12.4	56	1
Turner	32	512	16.0	66	5
Potts	30	168	5.6	18	2
Kinchen	13	110	8.5	24	0
Johnson	12	159	13.3	35	1
Rhett	11	65	5.9	16	0
Roe	8	115	14.4	27	1
Graham	5	41	8.2	14	0
Yarborough	4	39	9.8	18	0
Atkins	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	272	3152	11.6	73	16
Opponents	316	3878	12.3	78	20

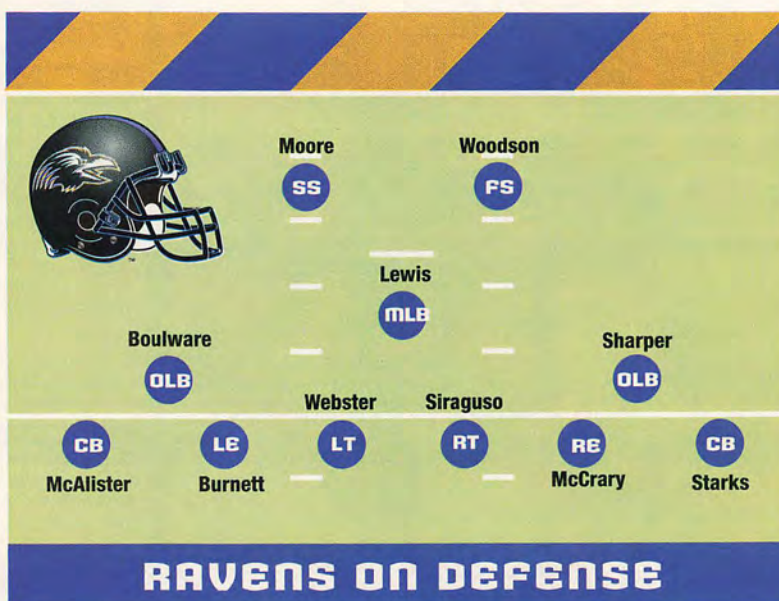
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Harbaugh	293	164	1839	12	11
Zeier	181	107	1312	4	3
W. Richardson	2	1	1	0	0
Holmes	1	0	0	0	1
Team	477	272	3152	16	15
Opponents	539	316	3878	20	17

SACKS

McCrary 14.5, Boulware 8.5, Jones 5.5, Lewis 3.0, Burnett 2.5, Brady 1.0, Harris 1.0, Sharper 1.0, Staten 1.0, Washington 1.0

Team 39.0, Opponents 41.0

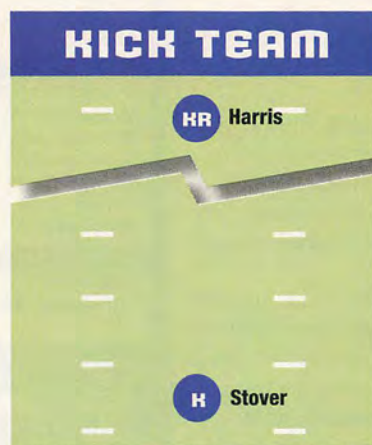
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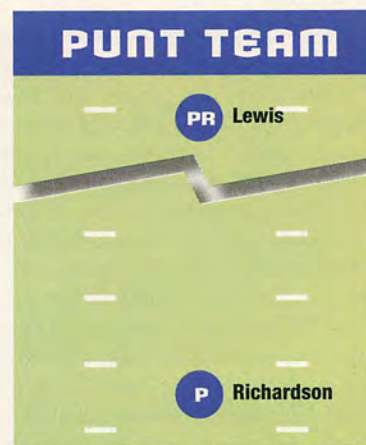
RAVENS ON DEFENSE



RAVENS ON OFFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM

CLEVELAND BROWNS



The new Browns look like the old 49ers, but their hopes rest mostly on a Couch.

It seems the new Browns may look like a Great Lakes version of the San Francisco 49ers when they open the season. As many as seven ex-Niners could be in the Cleveland lineup, which is fitting since the club president, Carmen Policy, and director of football, Dwight Clark, migrated from Baghdad by the Bay. Yet the expansion team the Browns seem to be copying is Carolina.

The Panthers, unlike rival Jacksonville, went the veteran route to build their team. Cleveland is emulating that through free agency and trades. There could be as many as 17 NFL veterans in the overall starting lineup. That could be a bad omen. After advancing to the NFC championship in their second season, the Panthers took a pratfall from which they have not risen.

Browns' future bomber

The man of the future is Kentucky quarterback **Tim Couch**, the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft. The man of the present is **Ty Detmer**, a quarterback with a number of travel stickers on his luggage. Detmer will stay the course until Couch is ready, which may be a while. Couch never saw a playbook until he reported to Cleveland. He says Wildcat coach Hal Mumme improvised a lot of Kentucky's plays on the sideline. That last happened in the NFL during FDR's second term.

No. 1 pick Tim Couch will have the luxury of watching Ty Detmer while he prepares to start.

Brownie Point

The Browns make their return to the NFL after a three-year absence August 9, when they play the Dallas Cowboys in the Hall of Fame game at Canton, Ohio.

Beyond Detmer's hand holding, the best thing that happened to Couch is the offensive line coach **Chris Palmer** is building. Three of the Browns' most important free agent signings were left tackle **Lomas Brown** of Arizona, center **Dave Wohlabaugh** of the Patriots and right tackle **Orlando Brown** of the Ravens, originally an "old" Brown. There are quarterbacks on some established teams that have lesser lines in front of them. **Jim Pyne**, top pick in the expansion draft, will start at left guard and ex-Raven **Ben Cavigil** at right. Cleveland didn't even bother to draft an offensive lineman.

Shepherd's pasture

Swift **Leslie Shepherd**, who caught 43 passes for Washington, including eight for touchdowns, is the top signee among the receivers. His partner should be rookie **Kevin Johnson** of Syracuse, Donovan McNabb's top receiver. The tight end is ex-49er **Irv Smith**, whose blocking is what Palmer sought.

The Browns weren't tempted to use the top pick on **Ricky Williams** or any other back, so they'll have to make do with journeyman **Terry Kirby** and **Sedrick Shaw**, who comes from New England in a trade. Another trade brought ex-49er fullback **Marc Edwards**.

Sack attack

Not many established defenses can boast ends who combined for 19.5 sacks last season. Left end **Roy Barker** had 12 for the 49ers and right end **Derrick Alexander** 7.5 for Minnesota. Former Jacksonville tough guy **John Jurkovic** can stop the run at left tackle. Veteran free agent **Jerry Ball** should fill the spot next to him, with **Rod Manuel** pushing him.

Experienced secondary

There is a lot of experience in the secondary. Ex-Viking **Corey Fuller** will be the left corner with ex-49er **Antonio Langham** on the right side. Langham, too, began his career with the "old" Browns. Another former San Francisco player, **Marques Pope**, will be at free safety, while **Marlon Forbes** battles rookie **Marquis Smith** at strong safety. Another rookie, **Daylon McCutcheon**, should figure in the nickel or dime packages.

PAUL JASIENSKI



99 BROWNS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 17

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16



Former 49ers Irv Smith (top left) and Roy Barker (bottom) will join ex-Lion and No. 1 expansion draft pick Jim Payne (top right) in building a new Browns franchise in Cleveland.

Chris Spielman, one of the all-time state of Ohio football heroes, should be the inspirational leader at middle linebacker. John Thierry, whom the Bears played out of position at end for five seasons, finally returns where he should have been all along, at left outside linebacker. For the right side the Browns signed impact free agent Jamir Miller away from Arizona.

Chris Gardocki, one of the top punters in the NFL as a Colt, will kickoff off as well for the Browns. Phil Dawson should have challengers for the field-goal duties.

Damon Gibson, selected off the Cincinnati roster in the expansion draft, will most likely handle both kickoff and punt return duties, as he did for the Bengals last season.



CLEVELAND BROWNS

Chris Palmer, Head Coach

Bob Slowik, Defensive Coordinator; Clarence Brooks, Defensive Line; Jerry Butler, Wide Receivers; Billy Davis, Quality Control-Defense; Jerry Holmes, Defensive Backfield; John Hufnagel, Quarterbacks; Tim Jorgensen, Strength And Conditioning; Bob Palcio, Offensive Line; Ray Perkins, Tight Ends; Dick Portee, Offensive Backfield; Tony Sparano, Quality Control/Offense; Ken Whisenhunt, Special Teams

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
11	Detmer, Ty	QB	6-0	194	10/30/67	5	Brigham Young
13	Milanovich, Scott	QB	6-3	227	01/29/73	1	Maryland
16	Ritchey, James	QB	6-2	218	07/10/73	1	Stephen F. Austin
	Dutton, John	QB	6-4	220	09/20/75	0	Nevada
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
75	Brown, Lomas	T	6-4	275	03/30/63	14	Florida
64	Gordon, Steve	C	6-3	288	04/15/69	1	California
61	Pyne, Jim	C	6-2	290	11/23/71	4	Virginia Tech
77	Brown, Orlando	T	6-7	340	11/12/70	5	South Carolina State
64	Wohlabaugh, Dave	C	6-3	292	04/13/72	4	Syracuse
60	El-Mashtoub, Hicham	C	6-2	288	05/11/72	2	Arizona
65	Cavil, Ben	G	6-2	310	01/31/72	2	Oklahoma
77	Buckey, Jeff	G	6-5	300	08/07/74	3	Stanford
73	Wiggins, Paul	T	6-4	315	08/17/73	2	Oregon
74	Bobo, Orlando	G	6-3	304	02/09/74	2	Nebraska
60	Rehberg, Scott	T	6-8	336	11/17/73	2	Central Michigan
79	Bundren, Jim	G	6-3	290	10/06/74	0	Clemson
73	Swanson, Pete	G	6-5	300	03/26/74	0	Stanford
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
41	Kirby, Terry	RB	6-1	223	01/20/70	6	Virginia
34	Moore, Ronald	RB	5-10	225	01/26/70	6	Pittsburg State
44	Mills, John Henry	RB	6-0	222	10/31/69	6	Wake Forest
23	Shaw, Sedrick	RB	6-1	210	11/16/73	2	Iowa
21	McPhail, Jerris	RB	5-11	201	06/26/72	3	East Carolina
44	Edwards, Marc	RB	6-0	237	11/17/74	2	Notre Dame
39	Williams, Pooh Bear	RB	6-1	265	01/20/75	1	Florida State
27	Blair, Michael	RB	6-0	222	11/26/74	1	Ball State
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
82	Smith, Irv	TE	6-3	246	10/13/71	6	Notre Dame
45	Laing, Aaron	TE	6-3	255	07/19/71	3	New Mexico State
86	Shepherd, Leslie	WR	5-11	180	11/03/69	5	Temple
83	Armour, Justin	WR	6-4	209	01/01/73	3	Stanford
84	Solomon, Freddie	WR	5-10	180	08/15/72	3	South Carolina State
89	Brock, Fred	WR	5-11	181	11/15/74	2	Southern Mississippi
84	Gibson, Damon	WR	5-9	184	02/25/75	1	Iowa
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
93	Conner, Darion	DE	6-2	250	09/28/67	8	Jackson State
64	Jurkovic, John	DE	6-2	295	08/18/67	8	Eastern Illinois
92	Barker, Roy	DE	6-5	290	02/14/69	7	North Carolina
98	Maumalanga, Chris	DT	6-2	292	12/15/71	3	Kansas
91	Thierry, John	DE	6-4	265	09/04/71	5	Alcorn State
96	Ball, Jerry	DT	6-1	320	12/15/64	11	Southern Methodist
99	McCormack, Hurvin	DT	6-5	284	04/06/72	5	Indiana
90	Alexander, Derrick	DE	6-4	271	11/03/73	4	Florida State
93	Thompson, Mike	DT	6-4	284	12/22/72	2	Wisconsin
73	Holland, Darius	DT	6-5	310	11/10/73	4	Colorado
96	Anderson, Antonio	DT	6-6	318	06/04/73	2	Syracuse
97	Manuel, Rod	DE	6-5	290	10/08/74	2	Oklahoma
71	Reese, Albert	DT	6-6	275	04/29/73	1	Grambling
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
23	Pope, Marquez	CB	5-11	193	10/29/70	7	Fresno State
43	Langham, Antonio	CB	6-0	180	07/31/72	5	Alabama
27	Fuller, Corey	CB	5-10	205	05/11/71	4	Florida State
31	Jackson, Ray	CB	5-10	189	02/17/73	3	Colorado State
46	Forbes, Marlon	S	6-1	205	12/25/71	3	Penn State
20	Dowden, Corey	CB	5-11	190	10/18/68	2	Tulane
34	Sanders, Brandon	S	5-9	185	06/10/73	2	Arizona
26	Devine, Kevin	CB	5-9	184	12/11/74	2	California
31	Butler, Duane	S	6-1	203	11/29/73	2	Illinois State
24	McTyer, Tim	CB	5-11	181	12/14/75	2	Brigham Young
37	Stokes, Eric	S	5-11	200	12/18/73	2	Nebraska
23	Williams, Gerome	S	6-2	210	07/09/73	2	Houston
26	Blackwell, Kory	CB	5-11	185	08/03/72	1	Massachusetts
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
53	Williams, James	LB	6-0	240	10/10/68	8	Mississippi State
54	Spielman, Chris	LB	6-0	247	10/11/65	10	Ohio State
50	Alexander, Elijah	LB	6-2	233	08/08/70	7	Kansas State
57	Kyle, Jason	LB	6-3	242	05/12/72	3	Arizona State
52	Neal, Randy	LB	6-3	236	12/29/72	3	Virginia
57	Jones, Lenoy	LB	6-1	232	09/25/74	3	Texas Christian
92	Saleh, Tarek	LB	6-1	240	11/07/74	2	Wisconsin
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	
17	Gardocki, Chris	P	6-1	200	02/07/70	8	Clemson
	Dawson, Phil	K	5-11	195	01/23/75	0	Texas

* after as of May 14

1999 DRAFTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	1	Couch, Tim	QB	6-5	225	07/31/77	Kentucky
2	32	Johnson, Kevin	WR	5-11	185	07/15/76	Syracuse
2	45	Abdullah, Rahim	LB	6-6	230	03/22/76	Clemson
3	62	McCutcheon, Daylon	CB	5-11	180	12/09/76	Southern California
3	76	Smith, Marquis	S	6-3	220	01/13/75	California
4	124	Rainer, Wali	LB	6-2	227	04/19/77	Virginia
5	148	Chiaverini, Darrin	WR	6-2	210	10/12/77	Colorado
6	174	Spriggs, Marcus	DT	6-4	290	—	Troy State
6	187	Ogle, Kendall	LB	6-1	231	11/25/75	Maryland
6	191	Dearth, James	TE	6-4	265	—	Tarleton State
7	207	Hill, Madre	RB	6-1	188	01/02/76	Arkansas

Cleveland begins building process from inside out at expansion draft

Carmen Policy sent a message to Browns backers that was heard loud and clear at the 1999 NFL Expansion Draft.

The Cleveland team president left no doubt that the NFL's newest franchise will seek to build a team from the inside out. The Browns made nine of their 37 dispersal selections on offensive linemen.

Former Detroit Lions center Jim Pyne was selected first overall. The five-year veteran from Virginia Tech was given a standing ovation by more than 4,000 Browns fans who attended the February 9 draft in Canton, Ohio. Pyne was joined in the top seven selections by New England tackle Scott Rehberg (third), San Francisco center Steve Gordon (fifth) and Miami guard Jeff Buckey (seventh).

The Browns also added promising young defensive-line prospects Hurvin McCormack from Dallas with the second selection and Rod Manuel of Pittsburgh with the ninth pick.

"I think we answered two of the most important areas in football—what's up front," said Browns coach Chris Palmer. "I think we did that with the offensive and defensive line. We were very pleased with the young talent that was available for us, and I think there will be some players to come out of those two groups."

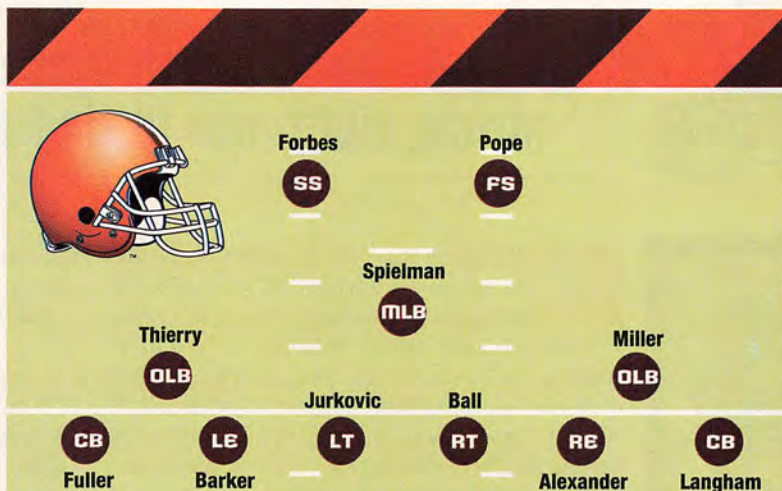
Overall, Cleveland drafted 18 offensive players and 19 defensive players with an average age of 25.6 years. The group's average NFL experience is 2.8 years, with 44 games started. Thirty of them were under contract for this season, with only one, ex-49er linebacker James Williams, older than 30.

—Scott Smith

1999 NFL Expansion Draft Recap

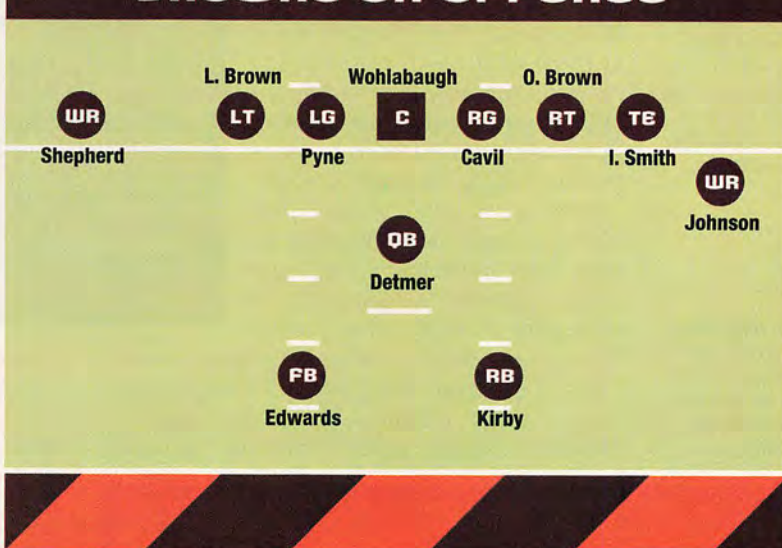
Pick	Player	Team	Position
1	Jim Pyne	Lions	C
2	Hurvin McCormack	Cowboys	DE
3	Scott Rehberg	Patriots	T
4	Damon Gibson	Bengals	WR
5	Steve Gordon	49ers	C
6	Tarek Saleh	Panthers	LB
7	Jeff Buckey	Dolphins	G
8	Jason Kyle	Seahawks	LB
9	Rod Manuel	Steelers	DE
10	Lenoy Jones	Titans	LB
11	Tim McTyer	Eagles	CB
12	Elijah Alexander	Colts	LB
13	Pete Swanson	Chiefs	T
14	Gerome Williams	Chargers	S
15	Marlon Forbes	Bears	S
16	Justin Armour	Broncos	WR
17	Paul Wiggins	Redskins	T
18	Duane Butler	Vikings	S
19	Fred Brock	Cardinals	WR
20	Kory Blackwell	Giants	CB
21	Kevin Devine	Jaguars	CB
22	Ray Jackson	Bills	CB
23	Jim Bundren	Jets	G
24	Ben Cavin	Ravens	G
25	Michael Blair	Packers	RB
26	Antonio Anderson	Cowboys	DT
27	Orlando Bobo	Vikings	G
28	James Williams	49ers	LB
29	Scott Milanovich	Buccaneers	QB
30	Eric Stokes	Seahawks	S
31	Ronald Moore	Dolphins	RB
32	Clarence Williams	Bills	RB
33	Freddie Solomon	Eagles	WR
34	Brandon Sanders	Giants	S
35	Mike Thompson	Bengals	DT
36	Jerris McPhail	Lions	RB
37	Antonio Langham	49ers	CB

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS

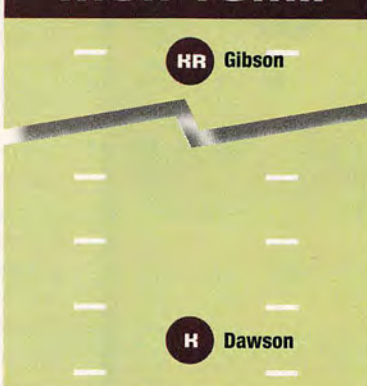


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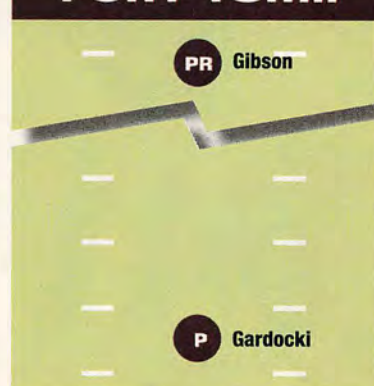
BROWNS ON OFFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM





Bengals need much more than Akili Smith's strong right arm to find a way to contend.



Running back Corey Dillon has gained more than 1,000 yards in each of his two NFL seasons.

Akili Smith will get to use the strong arm that almost rocketed him to the top of the draft.

Akili Smith has no illusions about his designation as the Bengals' quarterback of the future and probably immediate starter.

"I had only one big year at Oregon," he admits. "But I learned a lot about coping with tough times in the two seasons I played minor league baseball. When I came back to football I was throwing the ball in the first row for my first few practices. I know how to get through things."

Akili's heel

That attitude will serve him well in Cincinnati, where the talent is short, the rumbling at a high decibel and the future of coach Bruce Coslet may not stretch much farther than the Kentucky state line. The sole trophy in the Bengals' 3-13 season was a double victory over Pittsburgh in one of the Steelers' unhappiest seasons. In between the Pittsburgh games there were nine consecutive losses.

No one is singing "Happy Days Are Here Again" on the banks of the Ohio. Some of the best players have either escaped the Bengals or are still attempting to. Smith will be pressed to persevere. His chances are better than Coslet's.

One of the major developments which brought about Cincy's dilemma is the organization's cavalier attitude toward drafting jailbirds,

chronic whiners and other bad actors who are red-flagged by most teams. If Smith can't beat out **Jeff Blake** at quarterback, the fans will be depressed.

Help for Corey

There are problems all over, but fewer on offense. **Corey Dillon** had one more yard, 1,130, than he did as a rookie, demonstrating that he can be depended upon. It would help if Dillon could be rested now and then, but **Ki-Jana Carter** keeps getting hurt. Last year it was a broken wrist in the

second game. Rookie **Nick Williams** enters a three-way battle that includes **Brian Milne** and **Clif Groce** to be Dillon's lead blocker at fullback.

Kevin Sargent is beginning to show his age at left tackle, which may be the reason Jacksonville's **Brian DeMarco** became a rare Bengal free agent. **Willie Anderson** is solid at right tackle. **Rod Payne** is the new center with **Rich Braham** at left guard. The major worry is about right guard **Ken Blackman's** return from knee problems. **Mike Goff**, a tough guy, is his backup.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

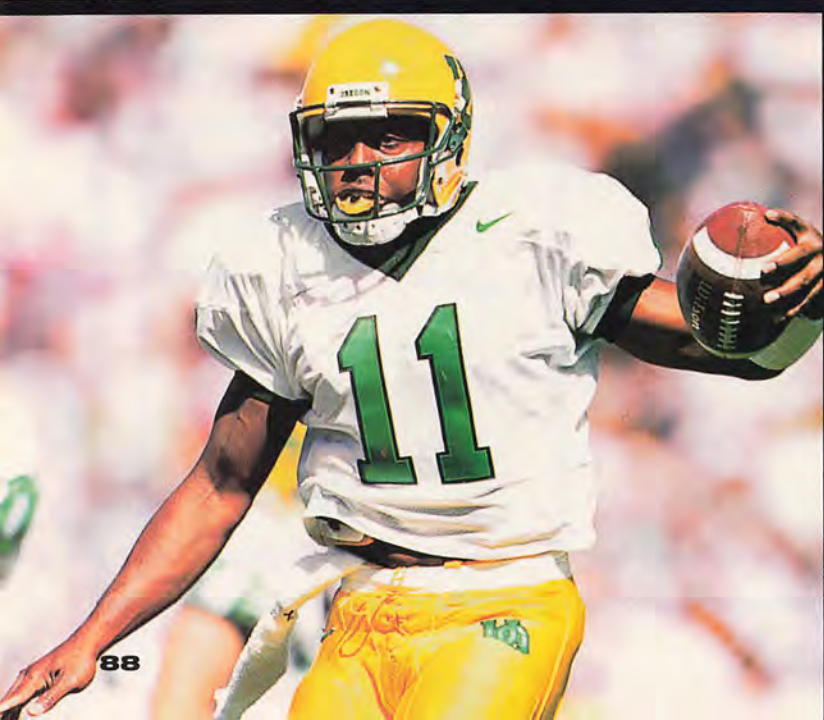
Total Offense	301.5	17
Rushing	102.4	19
Passing	199.1	17
Scoring	16.8	26T
Punt Returns	14.0	1
Kick Returns	23.8	9
Total Defense	360.2	28
Against Rush	163.3	30
Against Pass	196.9	12
Pts Allowed	28.3	30
Interceptions	13	21T
Sacks	28	29T
Turnover Diff.	-2	17T

Pickens not grinning

Wide receiver **Carl Pickens** has enormous talent. He caught 82 passes last season. But he kills the team with his attitude in the dressing room. In a typical Bengals move, while they were trying to trade Pickens, the only receiver they drafted was 5-7 **Craig Yeast**, Tim Couch's munchkin battery mate at Kentucky. **Darnay Scott** had seven touchdowns among his 51 catches.

For Smith's sake, it would be good idea to reintroduce the tight ends, **Tony McGee** and **Marco Battaglia**, to the passing offense. They had only 32 receptions between the two of them, with McGee getting 22. **Stepfret Williams** gets more work if Pickens goes. He caught just six passes last season.

If the offense is dreary, the defense is a horror show. The Bengals gave up more points, 452, than any team in the league. Stopping the run is a lost concept. Cincy finished last in that category, too. Opposing runners averaged 4.7 yards per carry and teams averaged 163.3 rushing yards per game. The Bengals were an equal-opportunity punching bag. The enemy scored 23 touchdowns passing and 23 running.



99 BENGALS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 15

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 16	WEEK 17

Young linebackers offer hope

Is there any hope for the future? The good news is that the three linebackers upon whom the Bengals used first-round picks the last two drafts played well. **Takeo Spikes** roams all over the field from his right inside linebacker position making plays. **Brian Simmons** had a good year at the right inside position. Cincinnati had the fewest sacks in the AFC, 28, but right outside backer **Reinard Wilson** led the team with seven. The most experienced backer, **James Francis**, is exhausting the patience of defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau. **Steve Foley** may replace him outside.

Getting pro-active on the run

At least something was done to try to stop the run. Steeler backup nose tackle **Oliver Gibson** was signed and should at least keep **Kimo von Oelhoffen** fresh. **John Copeland** starts at left end and **Michael Bankston** at right.

Right cornerback **Artrell Hawkins** made a good impression as a rookie starter. **Thomas Randolph** is the left corner, **Myron Bell** the strong safety and **Greg Myers** plays the other side.

Doug Pelfrey has to do better than his 16-for-27 field goal record of last year. **Brad Costello** was brought in late last season to punt when **Lee Johnson** was exiled after criticizing management. Yeast could be the punt returner. The Bengals lost **Tremain Johnson**, who set club records for kickoff returns, to jail due to alcohol-related problems. Punt returner **Damon Gibson** was lost in the expansion draft to Cleveland.

In Akili Smith, Carl Pickens (left) and Darnay Scott may have finally found the quarterback who can consistently get the deep ball to them.



CINCINNATI BENGALS

Bruce Coslet, Head Coach

Dick LeBeau, Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator; Ken Anderson, Offensive Coordinator; Paul Alexander, Offensive Line; Jim Anderson, Running Backs; Louie Cioffi, Defensive Staff Assistant; Mark Duffner, Linebackers; Ray Horton, Defensive Backs; Tim Krumrie, Defensive Line; Al Roberts, Special Teams; Kim Wood, Strength

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
8	Blake, Jeff	QB	6-0	202	12/04/70	6 East Carolina
15	Kresser, Eric	QB	6-2	209	02/06/73	1 Marshall
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
77	Sargent, Kevin	T	6-6	284	03/31/69	6 Eastern Washington
61	Rayam, Thomas	G	6-6	297	01/03/68	2 Alabama
72	Brumfield, Scott	G	6-8	320	08/19/70	5 Brigham Young
74	Braham, Rich	G	6-4	290	11/06/70	4 West Virginia
59	Truitt, Greg	C	6-0	235	12/08/65	5 Penn State
73	DeMarco, Brian	G	6-7	325	04/09/72	4 Michigan State
71	Anderson, Willie	T	6-5	325	07/11/75	3 Auburn
60	Jones, Rod	T	6-4	315	01/11/74	3 Kansas
62	Gutierrez, Brock	C	6-3	300	09/25/73	2 Central Michigan
64	Payne, Rod	C	6-4	285	06/14/74	1 Michigan
68	Shaw, Scott	G	6-4	297	06/02/74	1 Michigan State
63	Goff, Mike	G	6-6	290	01/06/76	1 Iowa
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
32	Carter, Ki-Jana	RB	5-10	227	09/12/73	3 Penn State
46	Groce, Cliff	RB	5-11	245	07/30/72	3 Texas A&M
44	Milne, Brian	RB	6-3	254	01/07/73	3 Penn State
36	Bennett, Brandon	RB	5-11	210	02/03/73	1 South Carolina
28	Dillon, Corey	RB	6-2	220	10/24/75	2 Washington
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
81	Pickens, Carl	WR	6-2	206	03/23/70	7 Tennessee
82	McGee, Tony	TE	6-3	246	04/21/71	6 Michigan
86	Scott, Darnay	WR	6-1	180	07/07/72	5 San Diego State
80	Jackson, Willie	WR	6-1	208	08/16/71	5 Florida
89	Battaglia, Marco	TE	6-3	250	01/25/73	3 Rutgers
87	Williams, Stepfret	WR	6-0	170	06/14/73	3 Northeast Louisiana
85	Hundon, James	WR	6-1	195	04/09/71	3 Portland State
80	Boyd, Tommie	WR	6-0	195	12/21/71	2 Toledo
88	Bush, Steve	TE	6-3	260	07/04/74	2 Arizona State
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
90	Bankston, Michael	DE	6-3	280	03/12/70	7 Sam Houston State
92	Copeland, John	DE	6-3	286	09/20/70	6 Alabama
67	von Oelhoffen, Kimo	NT	6-4	300	01/30/71	5 Boise State
98	Gibson, Oliver	DT	6-3	298	03/15/72	4 Notre Dame
94	Langford, Jevon	DE	6-3	275	02/16/74	3 Oklahoma State
97	Purvis, Andre	NT	6-4	302	07/14/73	2 North Carolina
70	Steele, Glen	DE	6-5	281	10/04/74	1 Michigan
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
40	Bell, Myron	S	5-11	203	09/15/71	5 Michigan State
20	Randolph, Thomas	CB	5-9	178	10/05/70	5 Kansas State
31	Myers, Greg	S	6-1	197	09/30/72	3 Colorado State
27	Hawkins, Artrell	CB	5-10	190	11/24/75	1 Cincinnati
37	Blackmon, Roosevelt	CB	6-1	180	09/10/74	1 Morris Brown
29	Moore, Kelvin	S	6-0	203	03/07/75	1 Morgan State
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
50	Francis, James	LB	6-5	252	08/04/68	9 Baylor
53	Tumulty, Tom	LB	6-2	242	02/11/73	3 Pittsburgh
55	Wilson, Reinard	LB	6-2	255	12/12/73	2 Florida State
98	Curtis, Canute	LB	6-2	260	08/04/74	2 West Virginia
91	Granville, Billy	LB	6-3	252	03/11/74	2 Duke
51	Spikes, Takeo	LB	6-2	235	12/17/76	1 Auburn
56	Simmons, Brian	LB	6-4	230	06/21/75	1 North Carolina
52	Sprotte, Jimmy	LB	6-2	237	10/02/74	1 Arizona
95	Foley, Steve	LB	6-4	270	09/09/75	1 Northeast Louisiana
77	Ross, Adrian	LB	6-2	244	02/19/75	1 Colorado State
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
9	Pelfrey, Doug	K	5-11	185	09/25/70	6 Kentucky
6	Costello, Brad	P	6-1	231	12/12/74	1 Boston University

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	3	Smith, Akili	QB	6-3	215	08/21/75	Oregon
2	33	Fisher, Charles	CB	6-1	185	02/02/76	West Virginia
3	65	Hall, Cory	S	6-0	205	12/05/76	Fresno State
4	98	Yeast, Craig	WR	5-9	166	11/20/76	Kentucky
5	135	Williams, Nick	RB	6-2	265	03/30/77	Miami (FL)
6	173	Gregg, Kelly	DT	6-0	285	11/01/76	Oklahoma
7	209	Coats, Tony	G	6-7	310	10/05/75	Washington
7	245	Covington, Scott	QB	6-3	220	01/17/76	Miami (FL)
7	249	Broomfield, Donald	DT	6-4	280	06/10/76	Clemson

1998 FINAL STATS

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DATE	SCORE	
09/06	L 14-23	Tennessee
09/13	W 34-28	at Detroit
09/20	L 6-13	Green Bay
09/27	L 24-31	at Baltimore
10/11	W 25-20	Pittsburgh
10/18	L 14-44	at Tennessee
10/25	L 10-27	at Oakland
11/01	L 26-33	Denver
11/08	L 11-24	at Jacksonville
11/15	L 3-24	at Minnesota
11/22	L 13-20	Baltimore
11/29	L 17-34	Jacksonville
12/06	L 20-33	Buffalo
12/13	L 26-39	at Indianapolis
12/20	W 25-24	at Pittsburgh
12/27	L 0-35	Tampa Bay

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Dillon	262	1130	4.3	66	4
Bennett	77	243	3.2	17	2
Blake	15	103	6.9	18	0
Bieniemy	17	56	3.3	9	0
Milne	10	41	4.1	10	1
O'Donnell	13	34	2.6	10	0
Scott	2	10	5.0	8	0
Gibson	1	9	9.0	9	0
Carter	2	4	2.0	4	0
Pickens	2	4	2.0	4	0
Blair	1	4	4.0	4	0
Justin	1	2	2.0	2	0
Costello	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kresser	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Team	405	1639	4.0	66	7
Opponents	558	2612	4.7	67	23

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Pickens	82	1023	12.5	67	5
Scott	51	817	16.0	70	7
Dillon	28	178	6.4	41	1
Bieniemy	27	153	5.7	15	0
Milne	26	124	4.8	18	0
McGee	22	363	16.5	40	1
Gibson	19	258	13.6	76	3
Battaglia	10	47	4.7	16	1
Hundon	10	112	11.2	17	1
Bennett	8	153	19.1	55	0
Jackson	7	165	23.6	47	0
Carter	6	25	4.2	8	0
Williams	6	81	13.5	19	1
Bush	4	39	9.8	18	0
Blair	1	7	7.0	7	0
Team	307	3545	11.5	76	20
Opponents	233	3350	14.4	73	23

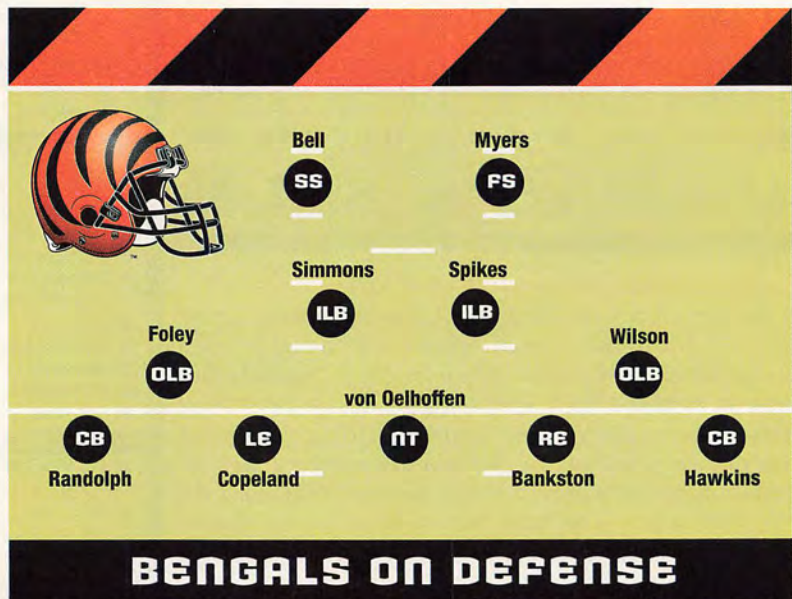
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
O'Donnell	343	212	2216	15	4
Blake	93	51	739	3	3
Justin	63	34	426	1	3
Kresser	21	10	164	1	2
Pelfrey	1	0	0	0	0
Team	521	307	3545	20	12
Opponents	406	233	3350	23	13

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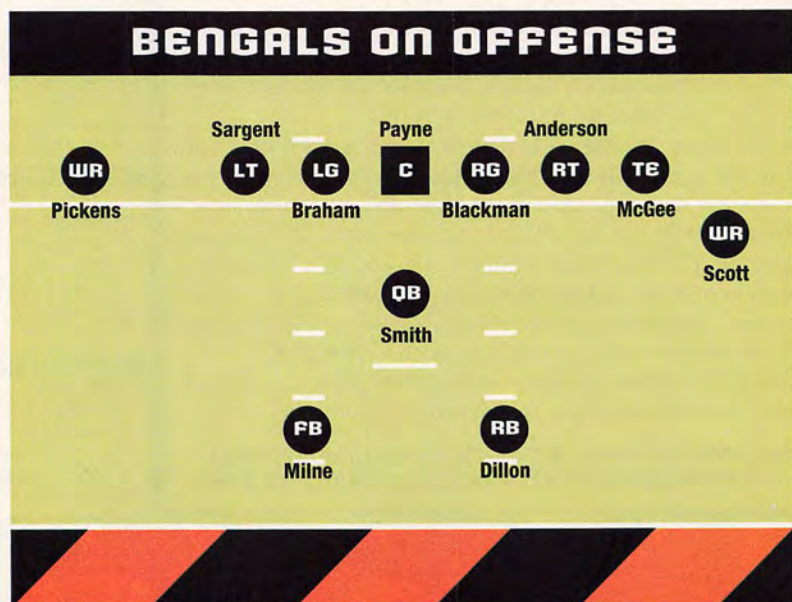
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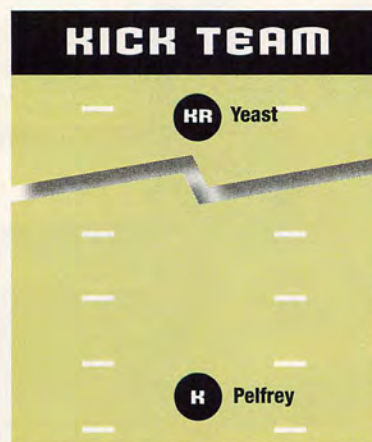
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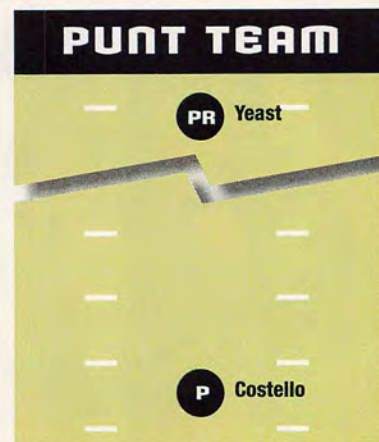
BENGALS ON DEFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM



Even with Elway retired, there's no reason to bet against a Super Bowl return for the Broncos.

by Larry Weisman USA Today

We'll concede the AFC West to Denver. Why fight about it? Why argue? Even without John Elway, the Broncos remain the NFL's gold standard and there's no one in the division that matches up. We need no crystal ball to make this prediction: The Broncos win the AFC West and overall home-field advantage, Terrell Davis outrushes most of the NFL and tickets to Atlanta for Super Bowl XXXIV won't be easy to get.

Maybe the NFL should make the Broncos wear ankle weights or spot their opponents a touch-down. The division race hardly looks like a fair fight without a handicap.

Denver Broncos

Denver faces difficult challenges as a two-time Super Bowl champion aiming for an unprecedented three-peat. Bubba Brister looked very capable in relief of Elway last season and was 4-0 as a starter when no one knew what to expect. Now everyone expects the world. Even so, put your money on the Broncos in the AFC West horse race.

Three AFC West teams—Seattle, Kansas City and San Diego—remade themselves with new coaches. The quarterback situation looks dire. It's the retired, the retreaded and, in Seattle, Jon Kitna by default. Woe is us.

Seattle Seahawks

The Seahawks underperformed last season, costing Dennis Erickson his job. Their talent is sufficient for them to make a playoff run, though that's uncharted territory. They've not visited the promised land of the postseason since 1988.

Mike Holmgren moved over from Green Bay to gain control but hasn't had much wiggle room in altering the roster, other than deleting quarterbacks John Friesz and Warren Moon from it. Much depends on how new quarterback Kitna responds to a full-time starting role. It helps that he has Joey Galloway to throw to.

Kansas City Chiefs

Kansas City lost its focus, an unconscionable number of games and coach Marty Schottenheimer, and promoted defensive coordinator Gunther Cunningham. He promises to restore snap and vigor to the Chiefs' practices, but the Chiefs need a running

game and a chemist to keep their fractured locker room orderly. Cunningham also needs to restore the toughness that was once a hallmark of the interior of the Kansas City defense. A healthy Chester McGlockton would be an improvement over the one recovering from back surgery through a difficult '98. The biggest loss: Cornerback Dale Carter to (who else?) Denver.

Oakland Raiders

Oakland jettisoned Jeff George and imported Rich Gannon from the Chiefs to quarterback an offense that croaked in '98 after George went out with an injury.

Oakland is still not comfortable with Napoleon Kaufman as its feature back, but has a solid receiving pair in James Jett and Tim Brown. It could stand a little more consistency from tight end Rickey Dudley.

The Raiders' defense can help the offense out with turnovers and sacks and has the people.

Cornerback Charles Woodson, last year's first-round pick, is a budding star, as is defensive tackle Darrell Russell.

San Diego Chargers

Last, and probably least, is San Diego. The Chargers turned to Mike Riley as the replacement for June Jones, who replaced the overheated Kevin Gilbride early last season. Riley is an NFL rookie, fresh off a college stint at Oregon State.

The Chargers' strength is their rushing defense, but the spotlight will clearly rest on the quarterbacks, Jim Harbaugh and rookie disappointment Ryan Leaf.

Harbaugh, acquired from Baltimore, brings 13 years of experience and a toughness and savvy that Leaf needs to study carefully. The Chargers dealt a boatload of draft picks and bodies to Arizona last year to move up and take Leaf with the second overall pick and he imploded quickly after a decent training camp. His tantrums alienated teammates, fans and the media (not always in that order). No one questions his arm, but his head clearly needs periodic slaps.

Whether Harbaugh is the helmsman or not, the Chargers need to find some dependable receivers quickly. They're hoping free agent Jeff Graham can help.

Predicted order of finish



Broncos have the talent to rally behind Bubby—all the way to the Super Bowl.

They thought and hoped the challenge of the three-peat might lead John Elway back. Maybe, just maybe, the lure of a shot at real football immortality might encourage Elway to coax another season from his aging parts.

But his teammates knew by late April that Elway wouldn't return for season 17 and his much-delayed announcement proved anticlimactic.

What, Shanahan worry?

For almost any team, the loss of a veteran quarterback provides a serious impediment to thinking championship thoughts. But not the Broncos. Even as they prepared for that eventuality, they continued to deepen their roster and even traded away a promising young passer (Jeff Lewis). That move signified to many that Elway intended to come back and pilot this smooth-sailing machine at least once more, but the Broncos under Mike Shanahan are nothing if not prepared for any eventuality.

With Elway, the Broncos were two-time champions. Without him, well, they're still formidable. The mantle falls to **Bubby Brister**, and he seems ready. He was 4-0 as a starter when he filled in for the injured Elway last season, throwing 10 touchdown passes and only three interceptions. That, however, was as the caretaker. The world looks different as the starter and the pressure to be a lot more than adequate as Elway's heir seems daunting. Behind Brister waits **Brian Griese**. **Chris Miller**, who hasn't played since 1995 because of concussions, was also signed.

Running game nonpareil

Dynamic as Denver's passing game should still

be, the Broncos' greatest strength now is their running game. **Terrell Davis** can take handoffs or pitchouts from any quarterback and, working behind an expert offensive line, crash through any defense's gates. The league's leading rusher last season, he became only the fourth running back to surpass 2,000 yards—he gained 2,008 and scored 21 touchdowns. Let's also tip our helmet here to fullback **Howard Griffith**, a fine blocker and a dangerous receiver near the goal line.

Davis will also face increased pressure. Teams willing to bring a safety up to stop him had to reckon with Elway. Now Brister must earn the same respect, but it's clear that the attack starts with Davis.

That Broncos offense can't be called anything but opportunistic. The Broncos led the NFL with 63 forays inside the enemy 20-yard line last season and topped the league with 327 red-zone points. Their touchdown percentage from inside the 20 was 63.5, the NFL's third best.

Four of the five starters on the offensive line return to lead those close-in assaults. **Tony Jones** is most at home at left tackle, where he remains. Guard **Mark Schlereth** needs to be patched together at least once every offseason (and sometimes again during the season), but he's back, too, to the left of feisty center **Tom Nalen**. **Dan Neil** won the job at right guard last year from **David Diaz-Infante** and won't give it up. The only change is at right tackle, where **Matt Lepsis** looks like the leading contender to replace **Harry Swayne**, who signed with Baltimore.

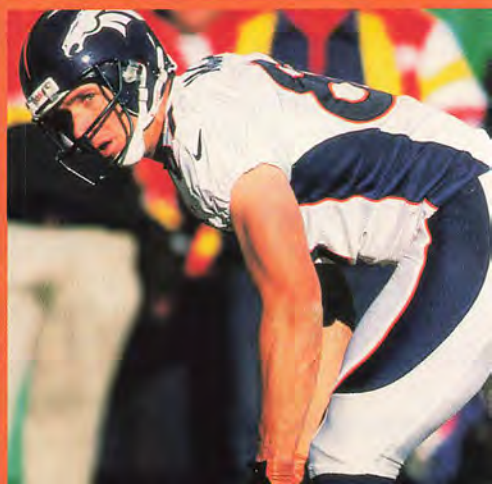
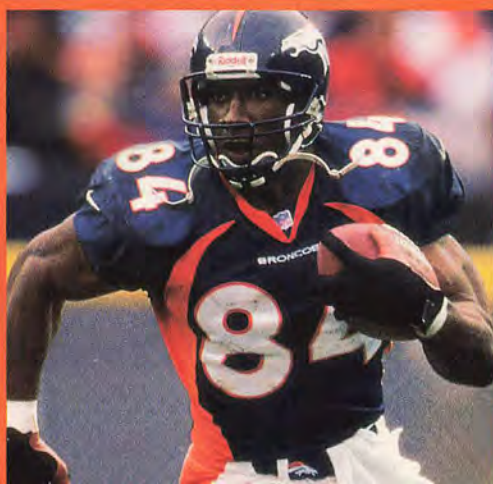
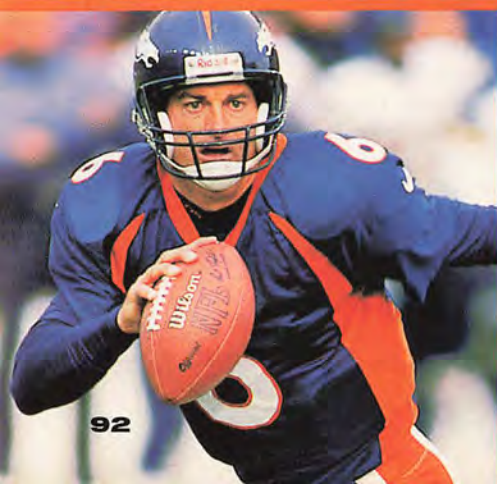
Tight end **Shannon Sharpe**, injured in the Super Bowl, did not need surgery on his knee and also will be back. The slashing **Ed McCaffrey** and

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	380.8	3
Rushing	154.3	2
Passing	226.5	7
Scoring	31.3	2
Punt Returns	10.6	13
Kick Returns	24.2	6T
Total Defense	308.4	11
Against Rush	80.4	3
Against Pass	228.0	26
Pts Allowed	19.3	8T
Interceptions	19	10T
Sacks	47	7
Turnover Diff.	+10	5T

The big question in Denver is whether new starting quarterback Bubby Brister (left) can find tight end Shannon Sharpe (center) and wideout Ed McCaffrey as often as the retired John Elway did.



99 BRONCOS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 12

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
							
WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17
							



Without Elway, the Broncos may rely even more heavily on Terrell Davis, who became the fourth back to surpass 2,000 yards in '98.

speedy Rod Smith start at receiver and both collected more than 1,000 yards worth of receptions in 1998.

Dollars for Dale

Denver's defense showed some vulnerability to the pass and the Broncos moved to shore that up with the big-money signing of cornerback Dale Carter. Carter will start on the right side. Ray Crockett is nominally the left cornerback.

With Steve Atwater's release, the Broncos will likely have a makeover both at strong and free safety.

Atwater will probably be replaced at free safety by Eric Brown. Brown played quite a bit last season at strong safety. The betting here is that Darrius Johnson gets the call at strong safety, but George Coghill is also in the mix there.

The linebacker corps returns intact. Bill Romanowski brings his own mix of intensity and preparation to the weak side and John Mobley plays over the tight end. Glenn Cadrez handles the middle. Rookie Al Wilson can play inside or outside and would have his best shot right now at Cadrez's job.

Depth a concern on D-line

The defensive line could be a work in progress, depending on whether the club decides to retain veteran defensive ends Neil Smith and Alfred Williams. The Broncos need depth here because Maa Tanuvasa could wear down at right end. Harald Hasselbach looks like the starter right now on the other side, but will be challenged by rookie Montae Reagor. Chunky Keith Traylor and Trevor Pryce man the defensive tackle spots.

DENVER BRONCOS

Mike Shanahan, Head Coach

Alex Gibbs, Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line; Gary Kubiak, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks; Greg Robinson, Defensive Coordinator; Frank Bush, Linebackers; Barney Chavous, Assistant Offensive Line/Assistant; Rick Dennison, Special Teams; Ed Donatelli, Special Teams; George Dyer, Defensive Line; Mike Heimerdinger, Wide Receivers; Brian Pariani, Tight Ends; Ricky Porter, Offensive Assistant; Greg Saporta, Assistant Strength and Conditioning; Rick Smith, Defensive Assistant; John Teerlinck, Pass Rush Specialist; Bobby Turner, Running Backs; Rich Tuten, Strength and Conditioning

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
6	Briser, Bubby	QB 6-3	207	08/15/62	12	Northeast Louisiana
11	Brohm, Jeff	QB 6-1	205		5	Louisville
14	Griese, Brian	QB 6-2	212	03/18/75	1	Michigan
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
69	Schlereth, Mark	G 6-3	278	01/25/66	10	Idaho
77	Jones, Tony	T 6-5	295	05/24/66	11	Western Carolina
52	Elliott, Matt	G 6-3	295	10/01/68	4	Michigan
66	Nalen, Tom	C 6-2	280	05/13/71	5	Boston College
72	Berti, Tony	T 6-6	300	06/21/72	3	Colorado
79	Banks, Chris	G 6-1	286	04/04/73	1	Kansas
63	Diaz-Infante, David	G 6-3	292	03/31/64	3	San Jose State
62	Neil, Dan	G 6-2	283	10/21/73	2	Texas
70	Kohn, Tim	G 6-5	307	12/06/73	0	Iowa State
70	Teague, Trey	T 6-5	287	12/27/74	0	Tennessee
60	Jones, K.C.	C 6-1	275	03/28/74	0	Miami (FL)
78	Lepis, Matt	T 6-4	290	01/13/74	1	Colorado
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
31	Loville, Derek	RB 5-10	205	07/04/68	7	Oregon
29	Griffith, Howard	RB 6-0	240	11/17/67	6	Illinois
30	Davis, Terrell	RB 5-11	200	10/28/72	4	Georgia
30	McElroy, Leeland	RB 5-9	198	06/25/74	2	Texas A&M
42	Smith, Detron	RB 5-9	231	02/25/74	3	Texas A&M
	Alexander, Curtis	RB 6-0	199	06/11/74	0	Alabama
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
84	Sharpe, Shannon	TE 6-2	230	06/26/68	9	Savannah State
87	McCaffrey, Ed	WR 6-5	215	08/17/68	8	Stanford
37	Lynn, Anthony	TE 6-3	230	12/21/68	5	Texas Tech
89	Carswell, Dwayne	TE 6-3	261	01/18/72	5	Liberty
80	Smith, Rod	WR 6-0	190	05/15/70	4	Missouri Southern State
86	Chamberlain, Byron	TE 6-1	240	10/17/71	4	Wayne State (NE)
87	Doering, Chris	WR 6-4	191	05/19/73	2	Florida
82	Nash, Marcus	WR 6-3	190	02/01/76	1	Tennessee
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
90	Smith, Neil	DE 6-4	273	04/10/66	11	Nebraska
91	Williams, Alfred	DE 6-6	265	11/06/68	8	Colorado
94	Traylor, Keith	DT 6-2	315	09/03/69	7	Central Oklahoma
97	Lodish, Mike	DT 6-3	280	08/11/67	9	UCLA
96	Hasselbach, Harald	DE 6-6	280	09/22/67	5	Washington
68	Reeves, Carl	DE 6-4	265	12/17/71	3	North Carolina State
98	Tanuvasa, Maa	DE 6-2	277	11/06/70	4	Hawaii
93	Pryce, Trevor	DT 6-5	278	08/03/75	2	Clemson
98	Thomas, Marvin	DE 6-5	264	10/19/73	1	Memphis
	Maumau, Vili	DT 6-2	290	04/03/75	0	Colorado
73	Brown, Cyron	DE 6-5	265	06/28/75	1	Western Illinois
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
34	Braxton, Tyrone	S 5-11	185	12/17/64	12	North Dakota State
39	Crockett, Ray	CB 5-10	185	01/05/67	10	Baylor
34	Carter, Dale	CB 6-1	188	11/28/69	7	Tennessee
28	Paul, Tito	CB 6-0	195	05/24/72	4	Ohio State
21	Turner, Scott	CB 5-10	180	02/26/72	4	Illinois
20	James, Tory	CB 6-1	188	05/18/73	2	Louisiana State
25	Johnson, Darrius	CB 5-9	175	09/17/72	3	Oklahoma
26	Brown, Eric	CB 6-1	201	03/20/75	1	Mississippi State
48	Coghill, George	S 6-0	210	03/30/70	1	Wake Forest
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
53	Romanowski, Bill	LB 6-4	241	04/02/66	11	Boston College
59	Cadrez, Glenn	LB 6-3	245	01/02/70	7	Houston
51	Mobley, John	LB 6-1	230	10/10/73	3	Kutztown
54	Dumas, Troy	LB 6-3	242	09/30/72	2	Nebraska
55	Ward, Ronnie	LB 6-0	225	02/11/74	1	Kansas
58	Russ, Steve	LB 6-4	237	09/16/72	1	Air Force
54	Wayne, Nate	LB 6-1	230	01/12/75	1	Mississippi
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
1	Elam, Jason	K 5-11	192	03/08/70	6	Hawaii
16	Rouen, Tom	P 6-3	215	06/09/68	6	Colorado

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	31	Wilson, Al	LB	6-0	226	06/21/77	Tennessee
2	58	Reagor, Montae	DE	6-2	254	06/29/77	Texas Tech
2	61	Friedman, Lennie	G	6-4	290	10/13/76	Duke
3	67	Watson, Chris	CB	6-0	190	06/30/77	Eastern Illinois
3	93	McGriff, Travis	WR	5-8	180	06/24/76	Florida
4	127	Gary, Olandis	RB	5-11	215	05/18/75	Georgia
5	158	Bowens, David	DE	6-4	245	07/03/77	Western Illinois
5	167	Brown, Darwin	CB	5-11	174	07/06/77	Texas Tech
6	179	Clark, Desmond	WR	6-3	238	04/21/77	Wake Forest
6	204	Plummer, Chad	WR	6-3	220	11/30/75	Cincinnati
7	218	Miller, Billy	WR	6-4	220	04/24/77	Southern California
7	238	Swift, Justin	TE	6-3	250	08/14/75	Kansas State

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 14, Lost 2

DATE	SCORE	
09/07	W 27-21	New England
09/13	W 42-23	Dallas
09/20	W 34-17	at Oakland
09/27	W 38-16	at Washington
10/04	W 41-16	Philadelphia
10/11	W 21-16	at Seattle
10/25	W 37-24	Jacksonville
11/01	W 33-26	at Cincinnati
11/08	W 27-10	San Diego
11/16	W 30-7	at Kansas City
11/22	W 40-14	Oakland
11/29	W 31-16	at San Diego
12/06	W 35-31	Kansas City
12/13	L 16-20	at NY Giants
12/21	L 21-31	at Miami
12/27	W 28-21	Seattle

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Davis	392	2008	5.1	70	21
Loville	53	161	3.0	12	2
Brister	19	102	5.4	38	1
Elway	37	94	2.5	16	1
Smith	6	63	10.5	37	0
Hebron	9	31	3.4	8	1
Griffith	4	13	3.3	16	0
Rouen	1	0	0.0	0	0
Griese	4	-4	-1.0	0	0
Team	525	2468	4.7	70	26
Opponents	356	1287	3.6	45	8

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
R. Smith	86	1222	14.2	58	6
McCaffrey	64	1053	16.5	48	10
Sharpe	64	768	12.0	38	10
Davis	25	217	8.7	35	2
Green	16	194	12.1	50	1
Griffith	15	97	6.5	15	3
Carswell	4	51	12.8	15	0
Nash	4	76	19.0	31	0
Chamberlain	3	35	11.7	16	0
D. Smith	3	24	8.0	16	0
Hebron	2	5	2.5	3	0
Loville	2	29	14.5	17	0
Armour	1	23	23.0	23	0
Elway	1	14	14.0	14	0
Team	290	3808	13.1	58	32
Opponents	345	3983	11.5	75	28

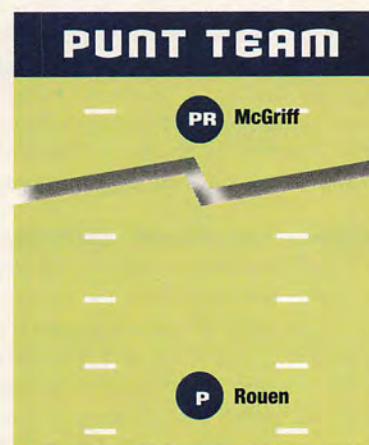
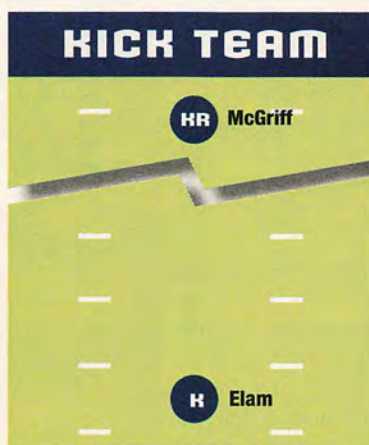
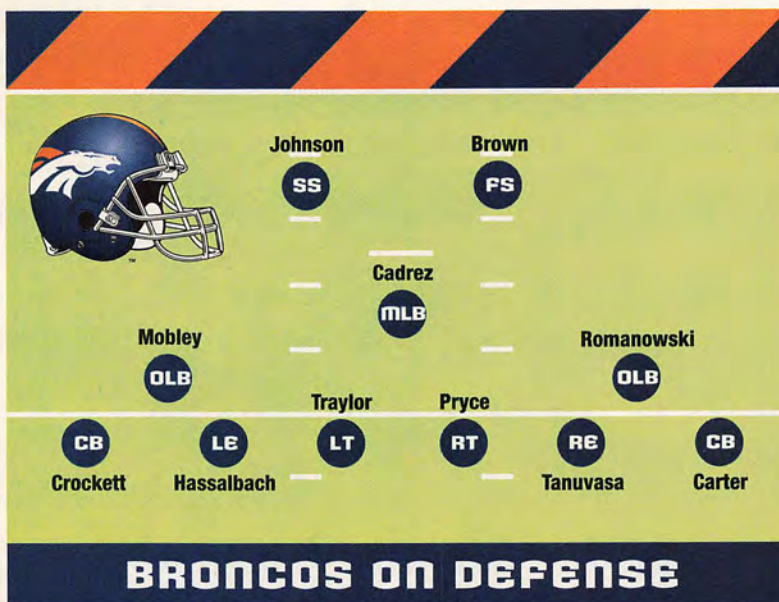
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Elway	356	210	2806	22	10
Brister	131	78	986	10	3
Griese	3	1	2	0	1
Smith	1	1	14	0	0
Team	491	290	3808	32	14
Opponents	596	345	3983	28	19

SACKS

Pryce 8.5, Tanuvasa 8.5, Romanowski 7.5, Cadrez 4.0, Smith 4.0, Hasselbach 3.0, Williams 3.0, Lodish 2.0, Traylor 2.0, Washington 2.0, Johnson 1.0, Mobley 1.0, Crockett 0.5

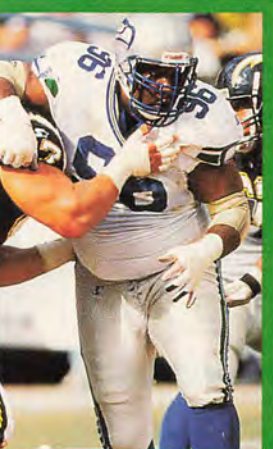
Team 47.0, Opponents 25.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS





With a Holmgren in Seattle, can the talented Seahawks finally realize their potential?



Defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy enters his 10th season as the anchor of the Seahawks' line.

Michael Sinclair led the NFL in 1998 with 16.5 sacks from his defensive end position.

When push came to shove, the Seattle Seahawks got pushed and shoved. By their opponents, by the officials and right out of the playoff hunt. They wasted a 3-0 start, won only three division games and finished out of the playoffs again. They've been absent from the playoffs since 1988.

Last year's 8-8 finish marked the end of Dennis Erickson's tenure and led to the arrival of Mike Holmgren, not only as coach but as overseer of personnel. For the more than \$4 million a year owner Paul Allen will pay Holmgren to wear those many hats, he will expect more than a .500 record and he should get it.

Not that there aren't questions. Holmgren must get a defense stocked with solid players to improve dramatically from its ranking of 27 last season. His skills as an offensive mastermind face a large test as he moves forward with a 1-2 punch (if it can be called that) at quarterback of Jon Kitna and Glenn Foley.

This ain't Barcelona, kid

Holmgren, as he did in Green Bay, expects to call the plays. It looks as if Kitna, who first made his name in the World League, will get the first opportunity to start. Holmgren wasted little time

in releasing Warren Moon, who faded last year after a rib injury, and journeyman John Friesz. Kitna is still largely untested and Foley's history includes more injuries than anything else.

When he first coached the Packers, Holmgren had a tendency to get away from the running game early. Understandable, with Brett Favre at quarterback. But once he got comfortable with Dorsey Levens, he showed no qualms about feeding the ball to his top back and using him extensively in the passing game. That should make **Ricky "Show Me the Football" Watters** very happy, indeed.

Watters rushed for 1,200 yards last season and caught 52 passes, and that's the kind of workload he enjoys. If he wants the ball, Holmgren will let him have it. Fullback **Mack Strong** is also a tough runner and will provide a strong inside punch when the Seahawks want a change of pace.

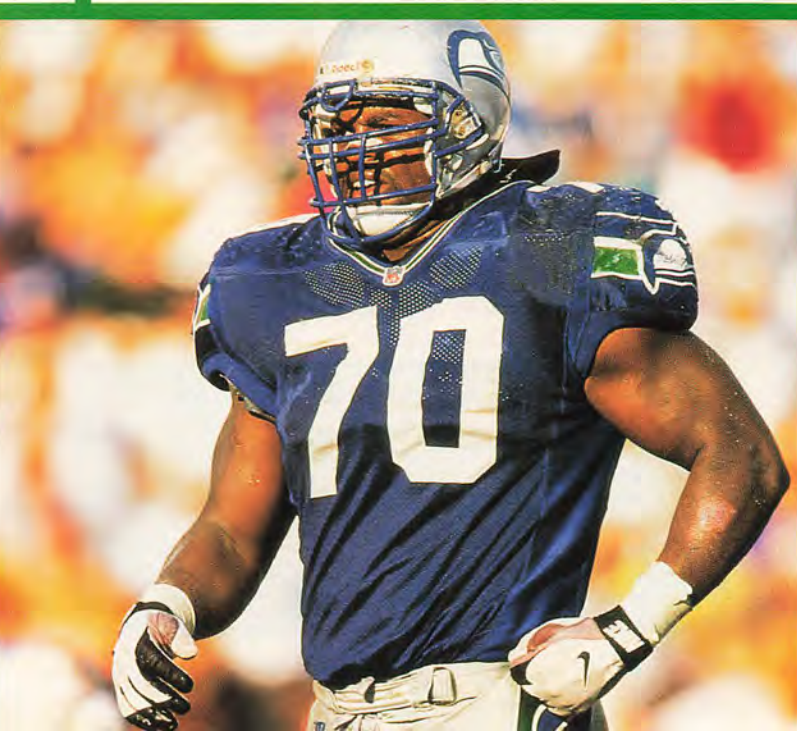
the numbers

team stats & league rank		
Total Offense	289.1	23
Rushing	101.6	22
Passing	187.5	24
Scoring	23.3	10
Punt Returns	10.4	15
Kick Returns	23.6	11
Total Defense	355.6	27
Against Rush	124.9	21
Against Pass	230.6	27
Pts Allowed	19.4	10
Interceptions	24	21
Sacks	50	37
Turnover Diff.	+8	71

Help arrives for Galloway

The Seahawks needed some capable hands at receiver and got them through free agency and the draft. **Joey Galloway** caught 65 passes last year without a credible threat working the other side of the field, but he clearly needs a complement. The Seahawks think they found one in free agent **Sean Dawkins**, who lacks the sprinter speed of Galloway but runs the middle-distance routes quite well. With help, Galloway will be even more explosive and productive. **Mike Pritchard** is the other starter for now and the other veteran holdovers—**Brian Blades** and **James McKnight**—will get shoved toward the door by rookie **Karsten Bailey**. **Christian Fauria** starts at tight end and will get to show his pass-catching skills in Holmgren's offense. Depth is a problem here.

If heady center **Kevin Glover** makes it all the way back from back surgery, the offensive line can breathe a bit easier. If not, there's no proven pro behind him. The right side of the line could survive another season, though guard **Brian Habib** and big **Howard Ballard** seem on the downside, plagued by bad knees. The promise is on the left side, which features tackle **Walter Jones** and guard **Pete Kendall**, both No. 1 picks.



99 SEAHAWKS SCHEDULE

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WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
WEEK 10	WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16

Defense putting on the Fritz

The job of turning good defensive players into a cohesive, effective unit falls to Fritz Shurmur, who followed Holmgren from Green Bay. Shurmur loves to work up creative schemes that maximize talent. He has some able bodies to work with.

The front four can bring pressure. Left end **Michael Sinclair** is a top pass-rusher and the interior pair of **Sam Adams** and **Cortez Kennedy** provide a solid starting point. Adams needs to be more consistent and the mere arrival of Holmgren (and Shurmur) ought to kick Kennedy's engine into a higher gear. **Phillip Daniels** is the right end. Rookie **Lamar King** should give the Seahawks extra burst from the outside but he may also get some reps at defensive tackle.

Brown leads solid 'backers

The outside linebackers are very good. **Chad Brown** was a prized free-agent signing and an expensive one in '97. He plays the weak side. **Darrin Smith**, who joined the club last year, plays over the tight end. They're both experienced veterans, which should offset the youth of middle linebacker **DeShone Myles**. He replaces Dean Wells, who signed with Carolina.

The Seahawks may flip safeties. **Darryl Williams** played free safety last year and was a favorite of Erickson's but his rugged hitting and slipping speed might make him better suited for strong safety. **Jay Bellamy** would slide over to free.

The club is in very good shape at the corners, with **Willie Williams** and **Shawn Springs**, both Pro Bowlers.

In Joey Galloway (left) and Ricky Watters, the Seahawks boast two of the premier offensive threats in the game today.



SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Mike Holmgren, Head Coach

Mike Sherman, Offensive Coordinator; Fritz Shurmur, Defensive Coordinator; Larry Brooks, Defensive Line; Nolan Cromwell, Wide Receivers; Ken Flajole, Defensive Assistant/Quality Control; Kent Johnston, Strength and Conditioning; Jim Lind, Linebackers; Tom Lovat, Offensive Line; Mike Sheppard, Quarterbacks;

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
4	Foley, Glenn	QB	6-2	210	10/10/70	5 Boston College
7	Kitna, Jon	QB	6-2	217	09/21/72	2 Central Washington

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
53	Glover, Kevin	C	6-2	282	06/17/63	14 Maryland
68	Habib, Brian	G	6-7	299	12/02/64	10 Washington
75	Ballard, Howard	T	6-6	325	11/03/63	11 Alabama A&M
62	Gray, Chris	G	6-4	296	06/19/70	6 Auburn
66	Kendall, Pete	G	6-5	292	07/09/73	3 Boston College
63	Beede, Frank	G	6-4	296	05/01/73	2 Panhandle State
79	Williams, Grant	T	6-7	323	05/10/74	3 Louisiana Tech
71	Jones, Walter	T	6-5	290	01/19/74	2 Florida State
60	Bloedorn, Greg	G	6-6	278	11/15/72	1 Cornell
74	Weiner, Todd	T	6-5	300	09/16/75	1 Kansas State
52	McEndoo, Jason	G	6-5	300	02/25/75	1 Washington State

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
32	Watters, Ricky	RB	6-1	217	04/07/69	7 Notre Dame
38	Strong, Mack	RB	6-0	235	09/11/71	5 Georgia
32	Gray, Oscar	RB	6-1	255	08/07/72	1 Arkansas
34	Brown, Reggie	RB	6-0	244	06/26/73	3 Fresno State
30	Green, Ahman	RB	6-0	215	02/16/77	1 Nebraska

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
89	Blades, Brian	WR	5-11	190	07/24/65	11 Miami (FL)
85	Pritchard, Mike	WR	5-11	193	10/26/69	8 Colorado
88	May, Deems	TE	6-4	263	03/06/69	7 North Carolina
86	Dawkins, Sean	WR	6-4	211	02/03/71	6 California
82	McKnight, James	WR	6-0	194	06/17/72	5 Liberty
86	Fauria, Christian	TE	6-5	245	09/22/71	4 Colorado
84	Galloway, Joey	WR	5-11	188	11/20/71	4 Ohio State
83	Wilson, Robert	WR	5-11	176	06/23/74	1 Florida A&M

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
96	Kennedy, Cortez	DT	6-3	306	08/23/68	9 Miami (FL)
70	Sinclair, Michael	DE	6-4	267	01/31/68	7 Eastern New Mexico
99	LaBounty, Matt	DE	6-4	275	01/03/69	5 Oregon
98	Adams, Sam	DT	6-3	297	06/13/73	5 Texas A&M
93	Daniels, Phillip	DE	6-5	263	03/04/73	3 Georgia
76	Parker, Riddick	DT	6-3	274	11/20/72	2 North Carolina

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
25	Collins, Mark	CB	5-10	196	01/16/64	13 Cal State Fullerton
33	Williams, Darryl	S	6-0	202	01/07/70	7 Miami (FL)
27	Williams, Willie	CB	5-9	180	12/26/70	6 Western Carolina
20	Bellamy, Jay	S	5-11	199	07/08/72	5 Rutgers
22	Thomas, Fred	CB	5-9	172	09/11/73	3 Tennessee-Martin
40	Joseph, Kerry	S	6-1	205	10/04/73	1 McNeese State
24	Springs, Shawn	CB	6-0	197	03/11/75	2 Ohio State
22	McGill, Lenny	CB	6-1	198	05/31/71	5 Arizona State
43	Eloms, Joey	S	5-11	181	04/04/76	1 Indiana

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
94	Brown, Chad	LB	6-2	240	07/12/70	6 Colorado
59	Smith, Darrin	LB	6-1	230	04/15/70	6 Miami (FL)
56	Logan, James	LB	6-2	225	12/06/72	4 Baylor
51	Simmons, Anthony	LB	6-1	225	06/20/76	1 Clemson
50	Myles, Deshone	LB	6-3	240	10/31/74	1 Nevada
55	Butler, Hillary	LB	6-2	244	01/05/71	1 Washington

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
10	Feagles, Jeff	P	6-1	205	03/07/66	11 Miami (FL)
2	Peterson, Todd	K	5-10	171	02/04/70	5 Georgia

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RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	22	King, Lamar	DE	6-5	285	08/10/75	Saginaw Valley
3	77	Huard, Brock	QB	6-5	225	04/15/76	Washington
4	82	Bailey, Karsten	WR	6-0	203	04/26/77	Auburn
4	115	Cochran, Antonio	DT	6-4	275	06/21/77	Georgia
5	140	Wedderburn, Floyd	T	6-5	335	05/05/76	Penn State
5	152	Rogers, Charlie	RB	5-10	180	06/19/76	Georgia Tech
6	170	Johnson, Steve	CB	5-11	175	05/24/76	Tennessee

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 8, Lost 8

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 38-0	at Philadelphia
09/13	W 33-14	Arizona
09/20	W 24-14	Washington
09/27	L 10-13	at Pittsburgh
10/04	L 6-17	at Kansas City
10/11	L 16-21	Denver
10/25	W 27-20	at San Diego
11/01	L 18-31	Oakland
11/08	W 24-12	Kansas City
11/15	L 17-20	at Oakland
11/22	L 22-30	at Dallas
11/29	W 20-18	Tennessee
12/06	L 31-32	at NY Jets
12/13	W 38-17	San Diego
12/20	W 27-23	Indianapolis
12/27	L 21-28	at Denver

RUSHING

	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Watters	319	1239	3.9	39	9
Green	35	209	6.0	64	1
Kitna	20	67	3.4	21	1
Strong	15	47	3.1	9	0
Galloway	9	26	2.9	14	0
Pritchard	1	17	17.0	17	0
Moon	16	10	0.6	9	0
Friesz	5	5	1.0	8	0
Broussard	5	4	0.8	3	0
Brown	1	2	2.0	2	0
Team	426	1626	3.8	64	11
Opponents	487	1999	4.1	70	13

RECEIVING

	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Galloway	65	1047	16.1	81	10
Pritchard	58	742	12.8	50	3
Watters	52	373	7.2	24	0
Fauria	37	377	10.2	25	2
McKnight	21	346	16.5	59	2
Blades	15	184	12.3	47	0
Strong	8	48	6.0	11	2
Crumpler	6	52	8.7	16	1
Broussard	4	21	5.3	16	0
Green	3	2	0.7	3	0
May	3	7	2.3	5	1
Mili	1	20	20.0	20	0
Team	273	3219	11.8	81	21
Opponents	343	3972	11.6	80	18

PASSING

	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Moon	258	145	1632	11	8
Kitna	172	98	1177	7	8
Friesz	49	29	409	2	2
Watters	1	1	1	1	0
Team	480	273	3219	21	18
Opponents	597	343	3972	18	24

SACKS

Sinclair 16.5, Brown 7.5, Daniels 6.5, LaBounty 6.0, Smith 5.0, Adams 2.0, Kennedy 2.0, Collins 1.5, Bellamy 1.0, Logan 1.0, Parker 1.0

Team 53.0, Opponents 34.0

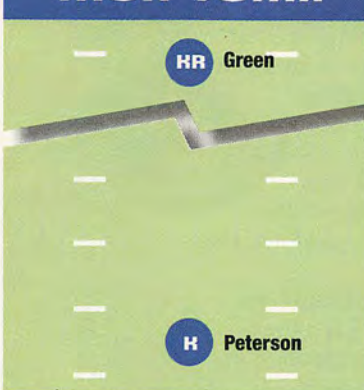
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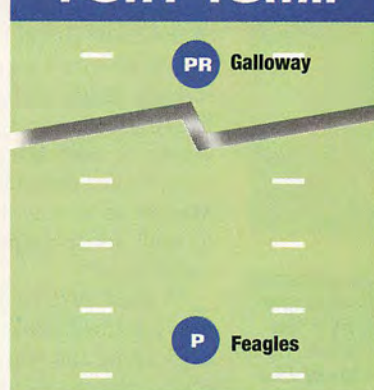
SEAHAWKS ON DEFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS



Cunningham confident that tighter ship will produce results for Chiefs.

The Kansas City Chiefs plainly needed somebody to light their fire. Gunther Cunningham enjoys the role of human blowtorch.

Cunningham, 54, served as defensive coordinator since 1995 and now steps up to replace Marty Schottenheimer. The players may need to add flame-retardant underwear to their uniforms when they gather for training camp because Cunningham plans to turn up the heat.

"It will be more intense, which is probably hard for people to believe, but that intensity will come from the day-to-day approach," Cunningham says. "I told the coordinators I want a play run every 20 seconds and I'm going to put a stopwatch on them. I don't think there's any question people will see a big difference."

Marty's last shot

Schottenheimer never earned a reputation for running easy camps or going easy on the discipline front, but it was clear in 1998, as the team slid to a 7-9 record, that not all minds were tuned to the same frequency. The Chiefs finished on the wrong side of .500 for the first time since 1988 and did it in hideous style. They lost six straight games at one point and in that skein were outscored 172-96, holding no opponent below 20 points, with themselves scoring 17 or fewer points five times.

Fixing a defense that caved against the run and an offense lacking in efficiency are only two of the tasks facing Cunningham. He calls himself a big booster of quarterback **Elvis Grbac** and he likes the receiver corps. He also wants to take advantage of wide-bodied running back **Bam Morris** as a way to control the football, set up the passing game and help the defense.

"I kind of like the attitude of moving the chains. You keep the clock going and you can come off play-action to go for the deep ball," Cunningham says.

Taskmaster takes charge

First, however, comes reorganization and rededication to the game. The Chiefs seemed stale and inattentive as they crumbled last year, and Cunningham, a whirlwind who begins his day before dawn and never seems to rest, knows he must change the way players perceive themselves and their roles. He will ask them to pay the same attention to detail that he does.

The Chiefs can be a formidable running team if **Morris**, the NFL's active leader in second chances, holds together. He'll run behind a line that's nothing less than solid at every position with the return of **Dave Szott** (broken arm) at left guard. The Chiefs got the upgrade they wanted at left tackle when **John Tait** fell to them in the draft and he should step right in and start, with steady pro **Glenn Parker** then available to back up everywhere along the line. From center to right tackle, the Chiefs line up **Tim Grunhard**, **Will Shields** and second-year man **Victor Riley**, who played very well as a rookie. The Chiefs suddenly look commanding up front.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	300.5	19
Rushing	96.8	23
Passing	203.8	16
Scoring	20.4	14
Punt Returns	8.3	25
Kick Returns	20.9	21T
Total Defense	303.4	9
Against Rush	116.8	18
Against Pass	186.6	7
Pts Allowed	22.7	22
Interceptions	13	21T
Sacks	38	16T
Turnover Diff.	+1	14

Elvis is still alive

The oft-injured Grbac gets the full backing of Cunningham and won't have to fight for his job, with **Rich Gannon** gone to Oakland. But Grbac has to prove he's an everyday starting quarterback and stay healthy long enough to do that. The addition of 42-year-old **Warren Moon** gives the Chiefs a capable backup, but Cunningham wants Grbac to stake his claim to the position.

He has some targets to

*The Chiefs are waiting for former California basketball standout **Tony Gonzalez** to fulfill his immense potential at TE.*

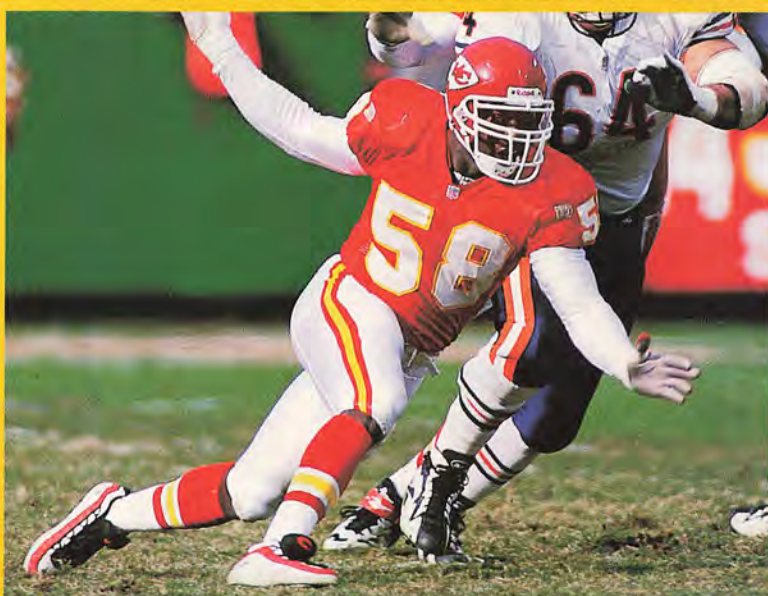
*Grbac connected with **Alexander** (top) 54 times last season for an average of 18.4 yards per catch.*



99 CHIEFS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 6

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17



Derrick Thomas, 32, led the Chiefs with 12 sacks in 1998. This season, he'll switch from weakside to strongside linebacker.

work with. The receiver corps includes Andre Rison and Derrick Alexander, and the Chiefs also make good use of athletic tight end Tony Gonzalez and fullback Kimble Anders. Alexander averaged 18.4 yards a catch last season, while Rison, limited by a hamstring, caught only 40 balls.

Carter-less Country

Defensively, the Chiefs will make some changes. The obvious hole to fill is the cornerback slot vacated by Dale Carter, who signed with Denver. Free agent pickups Carlton Gray and Cris Dishman will battle for the spot.

The Chiefs also figure to move Derrick Thomas to strongside linebacker. At left end, Dan Williams was re-signed after a one-year holdout. That means Chester McGlockton must work inside as a defensive tackle, next to Tom Barndt.

The secondary, even minus Carter, looks pretty good. Kansas City has a dandy pair of safeties in Jerome Woods and Reggie Tongue, and James Hasty is a sizable cornerback who can hang with the big receivers.

Linebacker might be the weakest area. Thomas played poorly much of last season after rolling up five sacks in the opener against Oakland (hence, the move). A contract dispute with Anthony Davis led to another change, with Donnie Edwards moving from the middle to the "stack" position, clearing the path for free agent Marcus Patton (ex-Washington). The Redskins thought Patton couldn't run anymore, but the Chiefs will ask him simply to jam the run and make tackles. Patton had a career-high 192 last season.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Gunther Cunningham, Head Coach

Jimmy Raye, Offensive Coordinator; Kurt Schottenheimer, Defensive Coordinator; Dave Adolph, Administrative Head Coach/Linebackers; Al Lavin, Running Backs; Bob Karmelowicz, Defensive Line; Richard Mann, Receivers; Jeff Hurd, Strength and Conditioning; Keith Rowen, Tight Ends; Mike Solari, Offensive Line; Mike Stock, Special Teams; Darwin Wallis, Special Assistant/Quality Control; Ron Zook, Defensive Backs

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Grbac, Elvis	QB 6-5	232	08/13/70	5	Michigan
1	Moon, Warren	QB 6-3	213	11/18/56	14	Washington
15	Collins, Todd	QB 6-4	224	11/05/71	3	Michigan

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
79	Szott, Dave	G 6-4	293	12/12/67	9	Penn State
61	Grunhard, Tim	C 6-2	307	05/17/68	9	Notre Dame
69	Criswell, Jeff	T 6-7	294	03/07/64	12	Graceland
62	Parker, Glenn	T 6-5	305	04/22/66	9	Arizona
68	Shields, Will	G 6-3	305	09/15/71	6	Nebraska
70	Spears, Marcus	T 6-4	305	09/28/71	3	Northwestern State
65	Smith, Jeff	C 6-3	322	05/25/73	3	Tennessee
66	Riley, Victor	T 6-5	315	11/04/74	1	Auburn
67	Kubik, Brad	G 6-4	292	03/31/75	0	Southwest Missouri State

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
38	Anders, Kimble	RB 5-11	230	09/10/66	8	Houston
39	Morris, Bam	RB 6-0	245	01/13/72	5	Texas Tech
30	Bennett, Donnell	RB 6-0	240	09/14/72	5	Miami (FL)
49	Richardson, Tony	RB 6-1	232	12/17/71	4	Auburn
22	Shehee, Rashaan	RB 5-11	210	06/20/75	1	Washington

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
89	Rison, Andre	WR 6-1	188	03/18/67	10	Michigan State
48	Popson, Ted	TE 6-4	250	09/10/66	5	Portland State
84	Johnson, Lonnie	TE 6-3	240	02/14/71	5	Florida State
82	Alexander, Derrick	WR 6-2	195	11/06/71	5	Michigan
87	Vanover, Tamarick	WR 5-11	218	02/25/74	4	Florida State
85	Roche, Brian	TE 6-4	255	05/05/73	3	San Jose State
84	Horn, Joe	WR 6-1	195	01/16/72	3	Itawamba J.C.
81	Lockett, Kevin	WR 6-1	180	09/08/74	2	Kansas State
88	Gonzalez, Tony	TE 6-4	244	02/27/76	2	California
14	Huntley, Kevin	WR 6-1	207	07/31/76	0	Wisconsin

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
91	O'Neal, Leslie	DE 6-4	270	05/07/64	12	Oklahoma State
75	McGlockton, Chester	DT 6-4	320	09/16/69	7	Clemson
97	Parten, Ty	DT 6-4	272	10/13/69	5	Arizona
90	Dixon, Ronnie	DT 6-3	310	05/10/71	5	Cincinnati
71	Barndt, Tom	NT 6-3	295	03/14/72	3	Pittsburgh
95	Ransom, Derrick	DT 6-4	288	09/13/76	1	Cincinnati
67	Heimsoth, Jay	DT 6-4	238	04/04/74	0	Northern Iowa
98	Hicks, Eric	DE 6-6	261	06/01/76	1	Maryland

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
40	Hasty, James	CB 6-0	208	05/23/65	11	Washington State
24	Gray, Carlton	CB 6-0	200	06/26/71	6	UCLA
41	Crawford, Keith	S 6-2	185	11/21/70	5	Howard Payne
27	Walker, Brace	S 6-0	200	10/28/70	5	North Carolina
27	Adams, Vashone	S 5-10	196	09/12/73	3	Eastern Michigan
21	Woods, Jerome	S 6-2	200	03/17/73	3	Memphis
25	Tongue, Reggie	S 6-0	201	04/11/73	3	Oregon State
46	Williams, Robert	CB 5-11	170	05/29/77	1	North Carolina
44	Warfield, Eric	CB 6-0	195	03/03/76	1	Nebraska
24	Kaiser, Jason	CB 6-0	190	11/09/73	1	Culver Stockton

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
58	Thomas, Derrick	LB 6-3	247	01/01/67	10	Alabama
51	Manusky, Greg	LB 6-1	243	08/12/66	11	Colgate
53	Patton, Marcus	LB 6-2	241	05/01/67	8	UCLA
55	George, Ron	LB 6-2	242	03/20/70	6	Stanford
56	Hollinquest, Lamont	LB 6-3	243	10/24/70	5	Southern California
56	Dixon, Ernest	LB 6-1	240	10/17/71	5	South Carolina
59	Edwards, Donnie	LB 6-2	236	04/06/73	3	UCLA
54	Favors, Gregory	LB 6-3	228	09/30/74	1	Mississippi State
57	Willard, Jerrott	LB 6-1	233	07/11/72	1	California

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
10	Stoyanovich, Pete	K 5-11	195	04/28/67	10	Indiana
5	Aguiar, Louie	P 6-2	218	06/30/66	8	Utah State

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	14	Tait, John	T	6-7	305	01/26/75	Brigham Young
2	54	Cloud, Mike	RB	5-11	201	07/01/75	Boston College
3	75	Stills, Gary	LB	6-2	235	07/11/74	West Virginia
3	84	Atkins, Larry	S	6-4	228	07/21/75	UCLA
4	108	Parker, Larry	WR	6-2	200	07/14/76	Southern California
7	220	King, Eric	G	6-5	290	07/27/75	Richmond

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 7, Lost 9

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 28-8	Oakland
09/13	L 16-21	at Jacksonville
09/20	W 23-7	San Diego
09/27	W 24-21	at Philadelphia
10/04	W 17-6	Seattle
10/11	L 10-40	at N. England
10/26	L 13-20	Pittsburgh
11/01	L 17-20	NY Jets
11/08	L 12-24	at Seattle
11/16	L 7-30	Denver
11/22	L 37-38	at San Diego
11/29	W 34-24	Arizona
12/06	L 31-35	at Denver
12/13	W 20-17	Dallas
12/20	L 7-28	at NY Giants
12/26	W 31-24	at Oakland

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Bennett	148	527	3.6	26	5
Morris	129	481	3.7	38	8
Anders	58	230	4.0	20	1
Gannon	44	168	3.8	21	3
Shehee	22	57	2.6	10	0
Richardson	20	45	2.3	6	2
Grbac	7	27	3.9	10	0
Rison	2	12	6.0	11	0
Vanover	2	1	0.5	2	0
Horn	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	433	1548	3.6	38	19
Opponents	491	1869	3.8	72	22

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Anders	64	462	7.2	29	2
Gonzalez	59	621	10.5	32	2
Alexander	54	992	18.4	65	4
Rison	40	542	13.6	80	5
Lockett	19	281	14.8	38	0
Bennett	16	91	5.7	14	1
Horn	14	198	14.1	57	1
Popson	13	90	6.9	17	0
Morris	12	95	7.9	29	0
Shehee	10	73	7.3	14	0
Richardson	2	13	6.5	15	0
Hughes	1	10	10.0	10	0
Shields	1	4	4.0	4	0
Team	305	3472	11.4	80	15
Opponents	259	3253	12.6	58	17

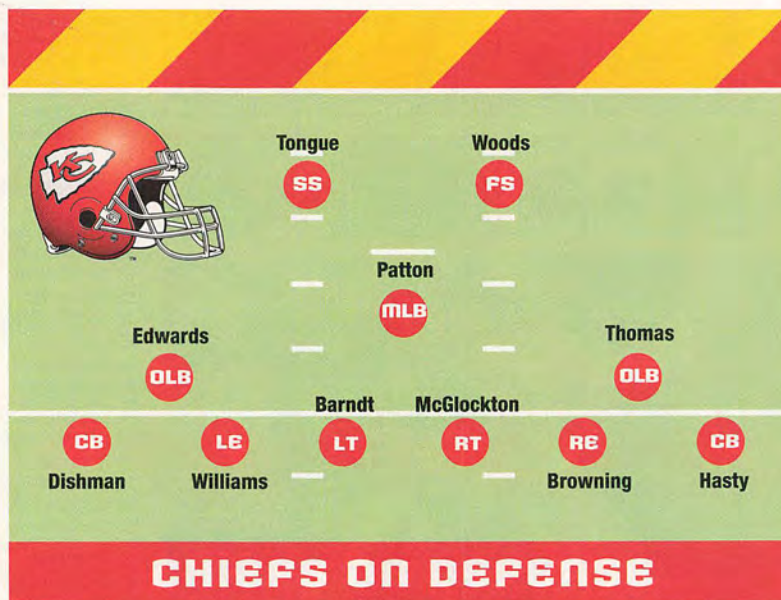
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Gannon	354	206	2305	10	6
Grbac	188	98	1142	5	12
Hughes	1	1	25	0	0
Team	543	305	3472	15	18
Opponents	479	259	3253	17	13

SACKS

Thomas 12.0, Edwards 6.0, Davis 4.5, O'Neal 4.5, Barndt 3.5, Favors 2.0, Tongue 2.0, Hasty 1.0, Johnson 1.0, McGlockton 1.0, Williams 0.5

Team 40.0, Opponents 36.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS





Gruden's second year in Oakland could be promising if Raider defense continues to improve.

The Oakland Raiders tease but don't deliver. They show promise but fade at crunch time. And they haven't been to the playoffs since 1993.

Their defense failed them badly in 1997, ranking last in the league. The improvement on that side of the ball last season got lost as the offense, minus Jeff George, tailed off and a 6-2 start ended up in an 8-8 disappointment.

As Jon Gruden begins his second season as head coach, the Raiders once again change direction at quarterback. They released George and netted free agent **Rich Gannon**, a sometime starter with Kansas City, seeing him as a better fit for their offensive system. Gannon lacks the cannon arm George possesses, but he's mobile, experienced and competent. Sixteen games will tell whether that's enough to get the Raiders into the end zone with regularity.

Napoleonic wars

Gannon's chances for success could hinge on the Raiders' running game. **Napoleon Kaufman**, a small and shifty running back with terrific explosion when he clears traffic, might be better as a change of pace than the every-down starter. The Raiders seem to want a back who can move the pile. That's an issue they'll have to settle. Do they want consistent banging up the middle or the periodic big-play burst, and can they find a way to get both? Free agent **Zack Crockett** comes over from the Colts to challenge **Jon Ritchie** for the fullback position.

The Raiders can ham-and-egg it pretty well with their receivers. **James Jett's** sprinter speed makes him a top deep threat and steady **Tim Brown** works the middle of the field and the seams brilliantly. Brown is the go-to guy around the end zone. What the Raiders need here is for tight end **Rickey Dudley** to step up his production. Dudley is seen as extremely talented but inconsistent, plagued by drops and periodic disappearances during games. Apparently his reputation is widespread; the Raiders tried to trade him before the draft and could not. Dudley has good size and knows what to do with the ball when he catches it and the Raiders would love to see him develop into a money player, but they seem to be losing patience.

Sacking the sack problem

The receivers, the backs and the quarterback will accomplish little and make no progress if the offensive line does not come around. The Raiders allowed a league-high 67 sacks last season and simply must shore up their pass protection in a division with good defensive teams. That's why they spent their No. 1 pick on **Matt Stinchcomb**. He'll allow them some options as to what alterations they want to make in that line.

If Stinchcomb settles in at left tackle, the Raiders can move **Mo Collins**, a No. 1 pick last year, from left to right tackle. They could then slide right tackle **Lincoln Kennedy** inside to right guard. There will be good competition at the troublesome right guard position if Kennedy must battle for the job with former Raider **Greg Skrepenak**. **Derrick Graham** and **Darryl Ashmore** won't be factors.

Collins needs to keep developing, whether he stays on the left side or moves, but he's probably more suited for right tackle. Don't be surprised if the Raiders give him a look at guard so that they can leave the massive Kennedy outside. Any of these changes

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	300.9	18
Rushing	107.9	16
Passing	193.0	21
Scoring	18.0	22
Punt Returns	11.3	12
Kick Returns	19.5	27T
Total Defense	284.4	5
Against Rush	104.6	15
Against Pass	179.8	4
Pts Allowed	22.3	20
Interceptions	21	4T
Sacks	41	12T
Turnover Diff.	-8	24T

Oakland coaches wonder if undersized feature back Napoleon Kaufman can carry the full weight of the Raider rushing attack.

Former Heisman winner **Charles Woodson** had a sterling rookie season with five interceptions.



99 RAIDERS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 9

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
							
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17
							



With James Jett (left) stretching the field deep and Tim Brown always consistent making the tough catch over the middle, Oakland has one of the AFC's top receiving combos.

will make them a better football team than they were.

Left guard **Steve Wisniewski** returns for his 11th season and he's one of the best—a nasty and aggressive player who should set the tone for his linemates. Kennedy is huge but played better in '97 than '98. The center is **Barret Robbins**. The Raiders have allowed 125 sacks over the last two years.

A defense grows in Oakland

The Raiders have some good things going for them on defense, starting with coordinator **Willie Shaw**. They get some pass rush and their secondary, with the addition of left cornerback **Charles Woodson** last year, certainly improved.

Right end **Lance Johnstone** might be a little undersized but he's quick and can get to the passer. **Russell Maryland** is a solid defensive tackle. Next to him is **Darrell Russell**, who has the potential to be one of the really fine interior players. The left end is journeyman **James Harris**.

Left outside linebacker looks like a question mark. **Terry Wooden** is gone, which essentially leaves **James Folston**, who was a second-round pick in 1994 and hasn't done much. Middle linebacker **Greg Biekert** plays the run pretty well but scouts say he misses too many tackles. **Richard Harvey** plays the open side.

Woodson's development last season heartened the Raiders, but the secondary suffered a blow when **Eric Allen** was lost to a knee injury. Allen will return, giving the club very capable cover corners. Strong safety **Anthony Newman** begins his 12th season. He's solid but certainly not young. **Eric Turner** is the free safety and it's debatable whether he has enough speed anymore to really cover center field.

OAKLAND RAIDERS

Jon Gruden, Head Coach

Bill Callahan, Offensive Coordinator; Willie Shaw, Defensive Coordinator; Keith Rowen, Offensive Line; Chuck Bresnahan, Defensive Backs; Frank Gansz Jr., Special Teams; Mike Waulfe, Defensive Line; David Shaw, Quality Control/Offense; Skip Peete, Running Backs; Gary Stevens, Quarterbacks; Fred Biletnikoff, Wide Receivers

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
16	Wilson, Wade	QB 6-3	208	02/01/59	17	East Texas State
5	Shuler, Heath	QB 6-2	221	12/31/71	4	Tennessee
12	Gannon, Rich	QB 6-3	210	12/20/65	10	Delaware
11	Ware, Andre	QB 6-2	217	07/31/68	4	Houston
4	Barnes, Pat	QB 6-3	215	02/23/75	0	California
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
76	Wisniewski, Steve	G 6-4	295	04/07/67	10	Penn State
77	Harlow, Pat	T 6-6	295	03/16/69	8	Southern California
75	Skrepenak, Greg	G 6-7	330	01/31/70	5	Michigan
73	Ashmore, Darryl	T 6-7	310	01/01/69	6	Northwestern
68	Cunningham, Rick	G 6-7	315	01/04/67	8	Texas A&M
72	Kennedy, Lincoln	T 6-6	335	02/12/71	6	Washington
63	Robbins, Barret	C 6-3	305	08/26/73	4	Texas Christian
62	Treu, Adam	C 6-6	300	06/24/74	2	Nebraska
79	Collins, Mo	T 6-5	320	09/22/76	1	Florida
64	DiNapoli, Gennaro	G 6-3	301	05/25/75	0	Virginia Tech
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
22	Williams, Harvey	RB 6-2	215	04/22/67	8	Louisiana State
28	Jordan, Randy	RB 5-10	213	06/06/70	5	North Carolina
26	Kaufman, Napoleon	RB 5-9	185	06/07/73	4	Washington
34	Crockett, Zack	RB 6-2	246	12/02/72	4	Florida State
40	Ritchie, Jon	RB 6-2	240	09/04/74	1	Stanford
34	Williams, Jermaine	RB 6-0	230	08/14/73	1	Houston
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
81	Brown, Tim	WR 6-0	195	07/22/66	11	Notre Dame
80	Howard, Desmond	WR 5-10	180	05/15/70	7	Michigan
88	Truitt, Olanda	WR 6-0	195	01/04/71	5	Mississippi State
82	Jett, James	WR 5-10	165	12/28/70	6	West Virginia
84	Shedd, Kenny	WR 5-10	170	02/14/71	3	Northern Iowa
82	Jones, Chris T.	WR 6-3	209	08/07/71	3	Miami (FL)
85	Hinton, Marcus	TE 6-4	260	12/27/71	1	Alcorn State
83	Dudley, Rickey	TE 6-6	245	07/15/72	3	Ohio State
87	Brigham, Jeremy	TE 6-6	260	03/22/75	1	Washington
89	Williams, Rodney	WR 6-1	191	08/15/73	1	Arizona
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
99	Bruce, Aundray	DE 6-5	265	04/30/66	11	Auburn
67	Maryland, Russell	DT 6-1	290	03/22/69	8	Miami (FL)
93	Harris, James	DE 6-6	285	05/13/68	5	Temple
51	Johnstone, Lance	DE 6-4	245	06/11/73	3	Temple
98	Osborne, Chuck	DT 6-2	295	11/02/73	2	Arizona
96	Russell, Darrell	DT 6-4	305	05/27/76	2	Southern California
90	Jackson, Grady	DT 6-2	320	01/21/73	2	Knoxville
92	Amey, Vince	DE 6-3	289	02/09/75	1	Arizona State
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
29	Mincy, Charles	S 5-11	197	12/16/69	7	Washington
21	Allen, Eric	CB 5-10	180	11/22/65	11	Arizona State
30	Newman, Anthony	S 6-0	200	11/21/65	11	Oregon
42	Turner, Eric	S 6-1	205	09/20/68	8	UCLA
33	Brooks, Bucky	CB 6-0	195	01/22/71	4	North Carolina
20	Carter, Perry	CB 5-11	190	08/05/71	4	Southern Mississippi
38	Walker, Marquis	CB 5-10	173	07/06/72	3	Southeast Missouri State
27	Branch, Calvin	CB 5-11	202	05/08/74	2	Colorado State
24	Woodson, Charles	CB 6-1	197	10/07/76	1	Michigan
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
52	Harvey, Richard	LB 6-1	242	09/11/66	9	Tulane
57	Wooden, Terry	LB 6-3	239	01/14/67	9	Syracuse
54	Biekert, Greg	LB 6-2	240	03/14/69	6	Colorado
55	Folston, James	LB 6-3	235	08/14/71	5	Northeast Louisiana
53	Smith, Travian	LB 6-6	227	08/26/75	1	Oklahoma
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
5	Husted, Michael	K 6-0	195	06/16/70	6	Virginia
2	Araguz, Leo	P 6-0	185	01/18/70	3	Stephen F. Austin

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	18	Stinchcomb, Matt	T	6-6	291	06/03/77	Georgia
2	40	Bryant, Tony	DE	6-4	268	09/03/76	Florida State
4	102	Douglas, Dameane	WR	6-1	195	03/15/76	California
5	146	Barton, Eric	LB	6-3	229	09/29/77	Maryland
5	153	Coleman, Roderick	DE	6-3	255	08/16/76	East Carolina
6	188	Yancey, Daren	DT	6-6	285	12/21/73	Brigham Young
7	224	Armour, JoJuan	LB	6-1	226	07/10/76	Miami (OH)

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 8, Lost 8

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	L 8-28	at Kansas City
09/13	W 20-17	NY Giants
09/20	L 17-34	Denver
09/27	W 13-12	at Dallas
10/04	W 23-20	at Arizona
10/11	W 7-6	San Diego
10/25	W 27-10	Cincinnati
11/01	W 31-18	at Seattle
11/08	L 10-13	at Baltimore
11/15	W 20-17	Seattle
11/22	L 14-40	at Denver
11/29	L 19-29	Washington
12/06	L 17-27	Miami
12/13	L 21-44	at Buffalo
12/20	W 17-10	at San Diego
12/26	L 24-31	Kansas City

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Kaufman	217	921	4.2	80	2
Williams	128	496	3.9	25	2
Jordan	47	159	3.4	23	1
Hollas	29	120	4.1	14	1
Wilson	7	24	3.4	12	0
Ritchie	9	23	2.6	14	0
Jett	1	3	3.0	3	0
George	8	2	0.3	8	0
Dudley	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
T. Brown	1	-7	-7.0	-7	0
Araguz	1	-12	-12.0	-12	0
Team	449	1727	3.8	80	6
Opponents	482	1674	3.5	45	8

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
T. Brown	81	1012	12.5	49	9
Jett	45	882	19.6	75	6
Dudley	36	549	15.3	32	5
Ritchie	29	225	7.8	31	0
Williams	26	173	6.7	15	0
Kaufman	25	191	7.6	39	0
Mickens	24	346	14.4	32	1
D. Brown	7	89	12.7	27	0
Jordan	3	2	0.7	2	0
Shedd	3	50	16.7	21	0
Howard	2	16	8.0	10	0
Folston	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Team	282	3534	12.5	75	21
Opponents	291	3134	10.8	55	22

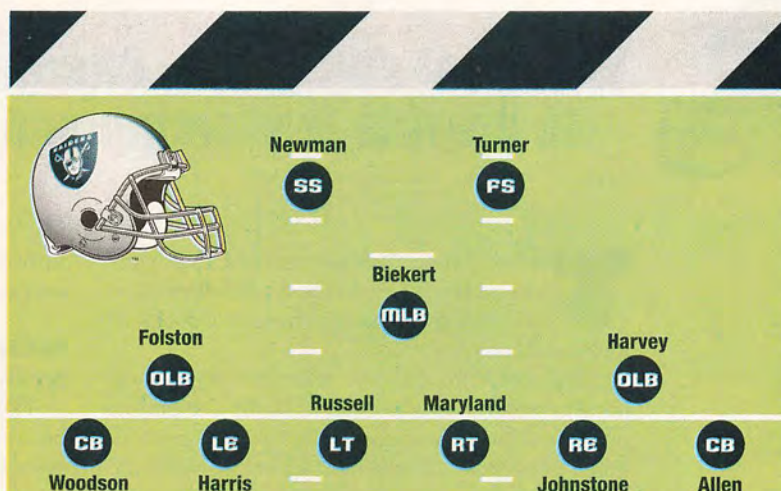
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Hollas	260	135	1754	10	16
George	169	93	1186	4	5
Wilson	88	52	568	7	4
Araguz	1	1	-1	0	0
Williams	1	1	27	0	0
Team	519	282	3534	21	25
Opponents	497	291	3134	22	21

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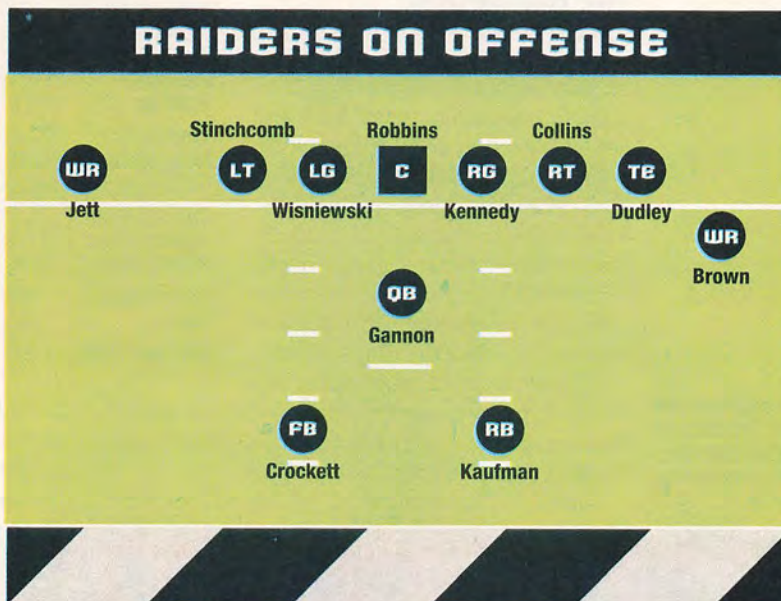
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Team 41.0, Opponents 67.0

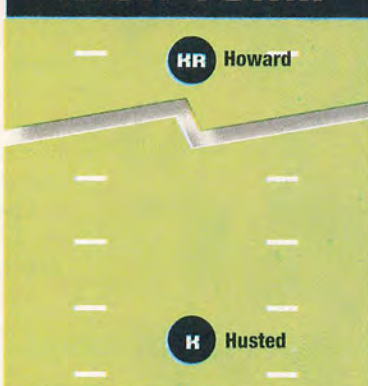
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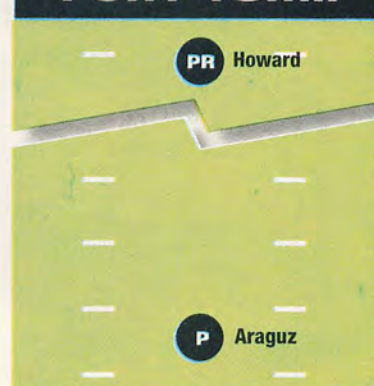
RAIDERS ON DEFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM





With Leaf still green, Chargers look to Harbaugh to provide leadership and a few more wins.

The San Diego Chargers got their quarterback of the future in the draft last year. So why is Jim Harbaugh the quarterback of the immediate present?

Stop. Let's not go there and trash Ryan Leaf all over again. Let's just say this: By the end of his tumultuous and disastrous rookie season, the Chargers had fired Kevin Gilbride, saw June Jones accept a college coaching job in Hawaii and turned to Oregon State's Mike Riley to re-establish tranquility.

Great expectations for Harbaugh

Harbaugh, a 13-year veteran, should at least lend some stability to an offense that badly needs it. Leaf, for the time being, can sit back and see what experience means and learn a little about how to relate to a leadership role and his teammates. That in itself counts as a plus but hardly turns the Chargers around. And while Leaf's development figures as an interesting subplot, Riley knows that winning counts more.

"Jim has been in the playoffs, he's been a Pro Bowl quarterback, he's perceived as a tough guy and a competitor and his real deal is wanting to win games," Riley says.

Don't expect Harbaugh to spend his time

tutoring Leaf. The responsibility for absorbing by observing will fall to Leaf.

Natrone bomb still explosive

Harbaugh's job of making things happen won't be nearly as difficult as the Chargers' offense might have made it look late last year. **Natrone Means** returns from a foot injury that stifled him in Week 10, when he had already rushed for almost 900 yards. Durability has been a question, but when he is healthy, he's the type of back who can move the pile and carry an offense on his shoulders. The Chargers will rely on him heavily but need some depth in the backfield. **Frank Hartley** and 262-pound rookie **Jermaine Fzande** battle at fullback, a position the Chargers will not often employ. They're seriously thinking about playing three wide receivers—if they can find three.

Will Graham boost receiving corps?

Their receiver corps was one of the NFL's weakest last year, a situation exacerbated by the late trade of Tony Martin to Atlanta. That group looks only nominally better with the signing of free agent **Jeff Graham**, who had little success with the New York Jets after some good seasons with the Bears. **Mikhael Ricks** and the disappointing **Bryan Still** must show something while the Chargers scour the waiver wire for more help.

Tight end **Freddie Jones** is a bull but still a project. He needs to improve his blocking and keep working on his hands, though he's dangerous running after the catch. Again, the Chargers lack depth at this position and need another player who can push Jones.

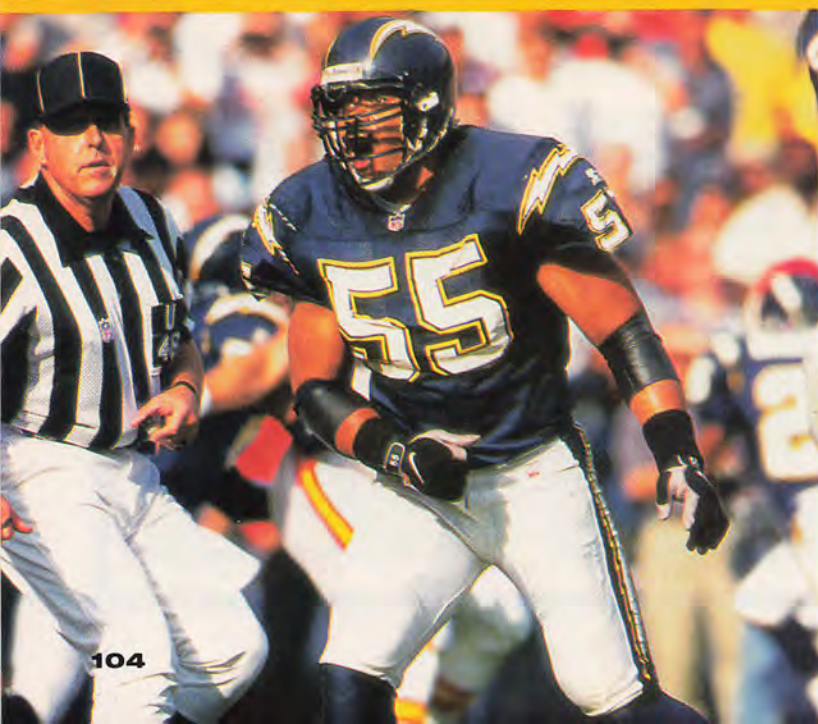
The left side of the offensive line appears to be in much better shape than the right. Veteran tackle **John Jackson** and guard **Aaron Taylor**, both signed as free agents in 1998, form a decent tandem next to center **Roman Fortin**. **Raleigh Roundtree** must step in at right guard, replacing **Raleigh McKenzie**, and the dropoff in experience is vast. **Vaughn Parker** played OK until a knee injury knocked him out and the Chargers expect him to return at right tackle. Depth is again a question.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	287.0	24
Rushing	108.0	15
Passing	179.0	26
Scoring	15.1	29
Punt Returns	12.0	7T
Kick Returns	18.5	30
Total Defense	263.0	1
Against Rush	71.3	1
Against Pass	191.8	11
Pts Allowed	21.4	18
Interceptions	20	8T
Sacks	37	19T
Turnover Diff.	-24	30

Pro Bowler Junior Seau, San Diego's emotional leader, leads an improving defense.



99 CHARGERS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 1

WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
							
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17
							



With Harbaugh around, the Chargers won't have to rely on the unpredictable Leaf (left), but they will need running back Natrone Means to stay injury-free.

Defense leads the charge

If defense is to carry the Chargers—and the Chargers were pretty good considering the offense's failures last year—the good news starts in the middle with defensive tackles **Norman Hand** and **John Parrella**. They're not flashy but they are very good run-stoppers and Hand can pressure the passer. But where else will that pass rush come from?

The Chargers hope to re-sign right end **Marco Coleman**, who hasn't exactly lit up the sky for them. He attracted little free-agent interest. **Raylee Johnson** will probably start on the other side, formerly occupied by the retired William Fuller, with **Chris Mims** pushing for playing time.

Linebacker looks OK, but there's a depth problem. The newly acquired **Eric Hill**, a run-stopper, takes over in the middle for **Kurt Gouveia**. **Low Bush** returns from a knee injury to play the strong side. There's no question about the right inside linebacker—**Junior Seau** is a perennial Pro Bowl pick and a wild man on the field.

Secondary looks to rebound

The secondary endured a slew of injuries last year, the most devastating the neck injury that knocked out cornerback **Dwayne Harper**. He'll certainly push to regain a starting job, though **Charles Dimry** did a fine job filling in and could hold on to the position. **Terrance Shaw**, the right corner, shows some promise but a tendency to get beat deep.

Darren Perry, signed away from Pittsburgh, steps in at free safety. **Mike Dumas**, coming back from knee surgery, looks like the backup if his wheels are OK. Strong safety **Rodney Harrison** really emerged in '98 as a big hitter and a force.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Mike Riley, Head Coach

George Chryst, Offensive Coordinator; Joe Pascale, Defensive Coordinator; Mark Banker, Defensive Assistant; Joe Bugel, Offensive Line; Paul Chryst, Tight Ends; Wayne Nunnely, Defensive Line; Rod Perry, Defensive Backs; Bruce Read, Special Teams; Mike Sanford, Wide Receivers; Jim Vecchiarella, Linebackers; Ollie Wilson, Running Backs

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
4	Harbaugh, Jim	QB 6-3	215	12/23/63	12	Michigan
5	Whelihan, Craig	QB 6-5	204	04/15/71	2	Pacific
16	Leaf, Ryan	QB 6-5	238	05/15/76	1	Washington State
7	Baker, Jeff	QB 6-3	215	03/02/75	0	Wisconsin-La Crosse
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
67	Fortin, Roman	C 6-5	297	02/26/67	8	San Diego State
65	Jackson, John	T 6-6	297	01/04/65	11	Eastern Kentucky
73	Taylor, Aaron	G 6-4	305	11/14/72	4	Notre Dame
50	Binn, David	C 6-3	240	02/06/72	5	California
72	Sienkiewicz, Troy	G 6-5	310	05/27/72	3	New Mexico State
79	Price, Marcus	G 6-6	318	03/03/72	2	Louisiana State
74	Roundtree, Raleigh	T 6-5	288	08/31/75	1	South Carolina State
71	Graham, DeMingo	T 6-3	310	09/10/73	0	Hofstra
64	Jacox, Kendyl	C 6-2	330	06/10/75	1	Kansas State
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
30	Means, Natrone	RB 5-10	240	04/26/72	6	North Carolina
41	Fletcher, Terrell	RB 5-8	196	09/14/73	4	Wisconsin
43	Bynum, Kenny	RB 5-10	191	05/29/74	2	South Carolina State
34	Stephens, Tremayne	RB 5-11	206	04/16/76	1	North Carolina State
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
84	Slaughter, Webster	WR 6-1	175	10/19/64	12	San Diego State
81	Graham, Jeff	WR 6-2	200	02/14/69	8	Ohio State
85	Pupunu, Alfred	TE 6-2	265	10/17/69	7	Weber State
83	Burke, John	TE 6-3	248	09/07/71	5	Virginia Tech
81	Lewis, Thomas	WR 6-1	195	01/10/72	4	Indiana
89	Hartley, Frank	TE 6-2	268	12/15/67	5	Illinois
80	Still, Bryan	WR 5-11	174	06/03/74	3	Virginia Tech
82	Jones, Charlie	WR 5-8	175	12/01/72	3	Fresno State
88	Jones, Freddie	TE 6-5	255	09/16/74	2	North Carolina
85	Gaiter, Tony	WR 5-8	169	07/15/74	2	Miami (FL)
86	Ricks, Mikhael	WR 6-5	225	11/14/74	1	Stephen F. Austin
87	Thelwell, Ryan	WR 6-2	200	04/06/73	1	Minnesota
83	Davis, Wendell	TE 6-3	224	10/24/75	1	Temple
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
93	Davis, Reuben	DT 6-5	320	05/07/65	9	North Carolina
94	Mims, Chris	DE 6-5	282	09/29/70	7	Tennessee
97	Parrella, John	DT 6-3	290	11/22/69	6	Nebraska
99	Johnson, Raylee	DE 6-3	272	06/01/70	6	Arkansas
96	Hand, Norman	DT 6-3	329	09/04/72	3	Mississippi
98	Mohring, Mike	DT 6-5	295	03/22/74	2	Pittsburgh
76	Williams, Jamal	DT 6-3	305	04/28/76	1	Oklahoma State
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
38	Dumas, Mike	S 6-0	195	03/18/69	6	Indiana
27	Dimry, Charles	CB 6-0	176	01/31/66	11	UNLV
28	Harper, Dwayne	CB 5-11	175	03/29/66	11	South Carolina State
22	Spencer, Jimmy	CB 5-9	180	03/29/69	7	Florida
31	Raymond, Corey	CB 5-11	185	07/28/69	6	Louisiana State
39	Perry, Darren	S 5-11	196	12/29/68	7	Penn State
37	Harrison, Rodney	S 6-0	201	12/15/72	5	Western Illinois
29	Shaw, Terrance	CB 5-11	190	11/11/73	4	Stephen F. Austin
26	Hunter, Torey	CB 5-9	176	02/10/72	1	Washington State
25	Rusk, Reggie	CB 5-10	182	10/19/72	2	Kentucky
25	Bradford, Paul	CB 5-8	185	04/20/74	1	Portland State
36	Lee, Lloyd	S 6-2	215	08/10/76	1	Dartmouth
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
54	Hill, Eric	LB 6-2	255	11/14/66	10	Louisiana State
54	Simien, Tracy	LB 6-1	255	05/21/67	7	Texas Christian
55	Seau, Junior	LB 6-3	250	01/19/69	9	Southern California
51	Dixon, Gerald	LB 6-3	250	06/20/69	6	South Carolina
53	Hamilton, Michael	LB 6-3	206	12/03/73	2	North Carolina A&T
52	Burgess, James	LB 5-11	230	03/31/74	2	Miami (FL)
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
3	Carney, John	K 5-11	170	04/20/64	11	Notre Dame
2	Bennett, Darren	P 6-5	235	01/09/65	4	None

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
2	60	Fazande, Jermaine	RB	6-0	260	01/14/75	Oklahoma
3	69	Heiden, Steve	TE	6-4	256	—	South Dakota State
4	104	Perry, Jason	S	6-2	200	08/01/76	North Carolina State
5	139	Dingle, Adrian	DE	6-3	272	06/25/77	Clemson
5	141	Nelson, Reggie	G	6-4	314	06/23/76	McNeese State
6	178	Bell, Tyrone	CB	6-0	200	—	North Alabama

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 5, Lost 11

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 16-14	Buffalo
09/13	W 13-7	at Tennessee
09/20	L 7-23	at Kansas City
09/27	L 16-34	NY Giants
10/04	L 12-17	at Indianapolis
10/11	L 6-7	at Oakland
10/18	W 13-10	Philadelphia
10/25	L 20-27	Seattle
11/08	L 10-27	at Denver
11/15	W 14-13	Baltimore
11/22	W 38-37	Kansas City
11/29	L 16-31	Denver
12/06	L 20-24	at Washington
12/13	L 17-38	at Seattle
12/20	L 10-17	Oakland
12/27	L 13-16	at Arizona

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Means	212	883	4.2	72	5
Fletcher	153	543	3.5	21	5
Stephens	35	122	3.5	12	1
Leaf	27	80	3.0	20	0
C. Jones	4	39	9.8	14	0
Whelihan	18	38	2.1	13	0
Bynum	11	23	2.1	14	0
Team	460	1728	3.8	72	11
Opponents	422	1140	2.7	25	12

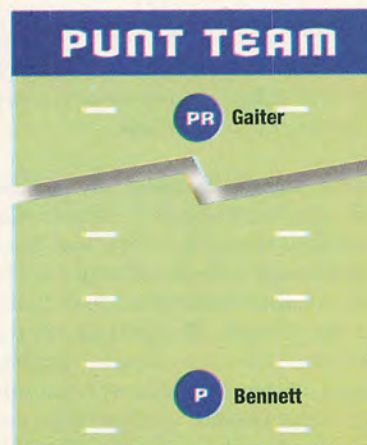
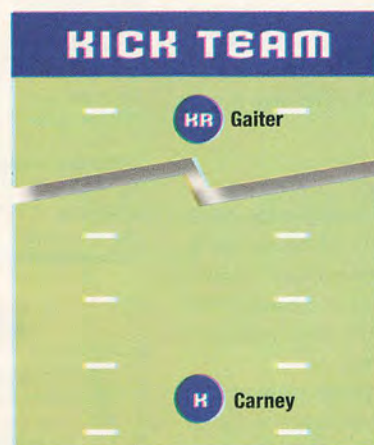
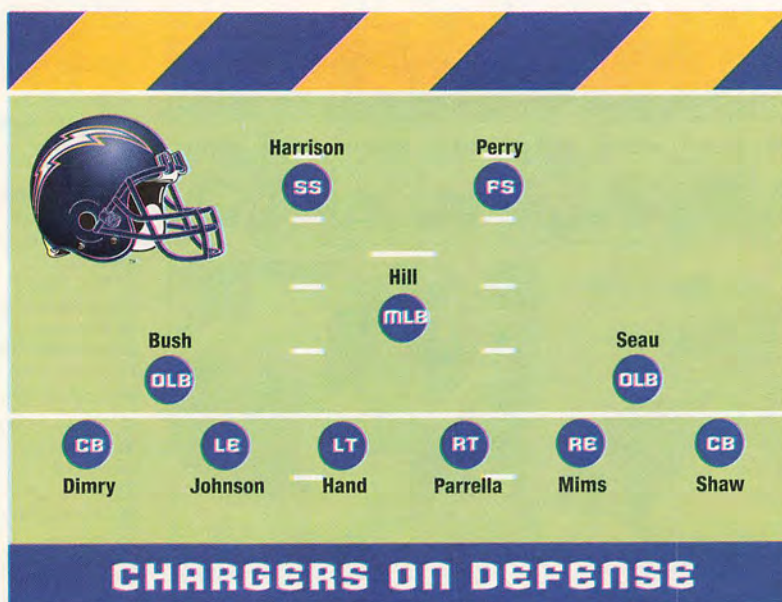
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C. Jones	46	699	15.2	56	3
Still	43	605	14.1	67	2
Fletcher	30	188	6.3	22	0
Ricks	30	450	15.0	39	2
Means	16	91	5.7	22	0
Thelwell	16	268	16.8	55	1
Slaughter	8	93	11.6	31	0
Bynum	4	27	6.8	12	0
Davis	4	23	5.8	8	0
Burke	3	32	10.7	17	0
Hartley	2	28	14.0	17	0
Stephens	2	9	4.5	5	0
Team	261	3115	11.9	67	11
Opponents	271	3314	12.2	81	21

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Whelihan	320	149	1803	8	19
Leaf	245	111	1289	2	15
Fletcher	1	1	23	1	0
Team	566	261	3115	11	34
Opponents	530	271	3314	21	20

SACKS

Hand 6.0, Johnson 5.5, Harrison 4.0, Coleman 3.5, Seau 3.5, Fuller 3.0, Dixon 2.5, Mims 2.0, Parrella 1.5, Bush 1.0, Dumas 1.0, Mohring 1.0, Tovar 1.0, Turner 1.0, Gouveia 0.5

Team 39.0, Opponents 37.0



The aging Boys from Dallas should hang on (barely) for one more division title.

By Don Pierson *Chicago Tribune*

The Dallas Cowboys gave everybody else a window of opportunity in the NFC East, then slammed it shut. Now, after regaining the division title under first-year coach Chan Gailey, the generous Boys again seem willing to offer themselves as a sacrifice to anybody who wants it. The New York Giants teased themselves with a breakthrough in 1997 and the Arizona Cardinals upset the Cowboys in a wild-card playoff at Texas Stadium last season, proving the Cowboys can be had.

Dallas Cowboys

The Cowboys looked catatonic in their playoff loss, exposing their vulnerability even in big games at home. They are struggling to keep their nucleus together, but as long as Troy Aikman is throwing, Emmitt Smith is running and Deion Sanders can recover from the turf-toe surgery that may sideline him early in the season, Dallas is a threat to win.

Rocket Ismail adds speed to Aikman's thinning arsenal, but hardly destroys the notion that this is a team desperate to hang on rather than content to rebuild.

Still suffering from self-inflicted wounds, the Cowboys appear to be rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic, awaiting their inevitable plunge when Aikman, Smith and Sanders are no longer able-bodied. That day looms larger than a Texas sunset.

Arizona Cardinals

Coach Vince Tobin must convince his team to avoid the slumping syndrome that knocked the Giants and Tampa Bay Buccaneers off course after 1997 playoff breakthroughs. A 9-7 record and playoff win at Dallas is heady stuff for such a long-suffering franchise, but it should signal only the beginning, not the arrival.

Quarterback Jake Plummer needs to get more efficient and throw more touchdown passes than interceptions. That will encourage the defense to play better than 21st in the league. Defensive tackle Eric Swann needs to stay healthy to anchor the front. Losing linebacker Jamir Miller in free agency to Cleveland is bound to hurt.

Washington Redskins

If a team that hasn't made the playoffs since 1992 is worth close to a billion dollars on the NFL market, what are the Denver Broncos worth?

Coach Norv Turner is starting over with his fourth quarterback in former Minnesota Viking Brad Johnson. Who will run and who will catch is another story. Losing receiver Leslie Shepherd to Cleveland in free agency will place more pressure on unpredictable Michael Westbrook. After some promising performances last season, second-year rusher Skip Hicks will be given every opportunity to earn the tag of Washington's feature back.

Who will stop the run is a mystery that expensive acquisitions Dan Wilkinson and Dana Stubblefield failed to answer last season. They'll have another chance to prove themselves this season. So long as teams can line up and pound the Redskin defense, they don't have a chance.

TOP PLAYERS

Offense:

Emmitt Smith, Dallas Cowboys

Defense:

Michael Strahan, New York Giants

Newcomer:

Brad Johnson, Washington Redskins

New York Giants

The usually conservative Giants pulled off one of the biggest gambles of the offseason in hiring troubled quarterback Kerry Collins to lead them. Coach Jim Fassel gave up on Danny Kanell, who struggled

through an off year and still finished a spot ahead of Collins in passer ratings.

The Giants hope the return of cornerback Jason Sehorn from injury will bolster a defense that led the league in interceptions and takeaways two years ago but slipped last season and lost pass rusher Chad Bratzke in free agency.

Philadelphia Eagles

"Starting Over: The Sequel" is Eagles owner Jeff Lurie's theme song. After failing with former Green Bay defensive coach Ray Rhodes, Lurie has hired Green Bay offensive coach Andy Reid.

As a tease, Reid brought a quarterback with him, but it was not Brett Favre. Career backup Doug Pederson is supposed to help rookie Donovan McNabb of Syracuse get ready.

Reid and McNabb have a long uphill climb ahead of them, although having surprising Duce Staley back for a run at another 1,000-yard season is comforting. The Eagles added Pittsburgh receiver Charles Johnson, but just in case, Reid brought another key player from Green Bay, punter Sean Landeta.

On defense, finding a way to stop the run is a big priority. The Eagles sought to plug the middle by drafting Northwestern linebacker Barry Gardner and Ohio State safety Damon Moore.

Predicted order of finish





Expect Cowboys to go as far as aging stars Aikman, Smith and Sanders will take them.

While superstars Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith continue to provide the nucleus of a very good team, the infrastructure of the Cowboys undergoes major revision. You don't have to read between the lines to understand there are problems up front on offense and defense.

The Cowboys are addressing those problems with high draft choices **Greg Ellis** and **Ebenezer Ekuban** on defense and **Flozell Adams** and **Soloman Page** on offense the last two years. Rebuilding from the ground up is a wise course for a team that has relied about as long as it can on stalwarts like **Nate Newton** and **Leon Lett**.

The future of another superstar, **Deion Sanders**, remains in question after late offseason surgery to correct the bothersome turf toe injury that plagued him last year. The Cowboys hope he will be ready for the opener, but turf toes are unpredictable.

The Cowboys are a team of their 30s. With Smith reaching that golden age, all their top players are either in their prime or past it.

Even newcomer **Raghib "Rocket" Ismail**, added to either complement or challenge **Michael Irvin**, will turn 30 later this season. That means there are exactly zero young skill players on a team desperately trying to milk as many seasons as possible out of its Hall of Fame candidates.

Under coach **Chan Gailey**, the Cowboys bounced back to reclaim the NFC East division title borrowed for a season by the New York Giants. But in the playoffs they looked absolutely worn out in losing to the Arizona Cardinals in Texas Stadium.

Mr. Consistency

Can the Cowboys bounce another time? Aikman underwent laser surgery on his eyes in hopes of seeing things better. A rose-colored implant might help. Absent that, Aikman expects to see a rocket's red glare. With Ismail, the Cowboys will have speed that only Sanders could generate.

Aikman threw only 12 touchdown passes last season, but he never has thrown a lot of them. His job is to keep the ball moving and avoid mistakes. Few quarterbacks are better at staying within the team concept. He threw only three interceptions in his last 289 attempts and was sacked just nine times in 324 pass plays.

Emmitt = good mileage

Smith will surpass the 3,000-attempt mark early this season and will soon have more carries than **Marcus Allen**, putting him in the company only of **Barry Sanders** and **Walter Payton**. To critics who started preparing music for his swan song last season, Smith registered seven 100-yard games, a familiar refrain for a great football player.

Smith benefits from a healthy fullback, **Daryl Johnston**, and got welcome breather last season from **Chris Warren**, who deserves more than the 59 carries he got.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	340.6	8
Rushing	125.9	8
Passing	214.8	9
Scoring	23.8	9
Punt Returns	12.6	5T
Kick Returns	23.4	12
Total Defense	322.8	18
Against Rush	101.2	12
Against Pass	221.6	22
Pts Allowed	17.1	3
Interceptions	14	19T
Sacks	34	25
Turnover Diff.	+11	3T

'Rocket' launch

If Ismail can repeat the kind of breakthrough season he finally enjoyed last year in Carolina, the Cowboys' offense will look different. Irvin caught only one touchdown pass last year in 74 receptions. Ismail caught eight in 69 receptions. **Ernie Mills** and **Billy Davis** can't provide the kind of game-breaking dimension Gailey expects from Ismail.

At the tight end position, **David LaFleur** needs to improve his receiving. **Eric Bjornson** is not much of a blocker and caught only 15 passes in Gailey's offense.

Aikman continues to be steady in guiding Dallas. His 88.5 quarterback rating was fourth-best in the NFC.



The Cowboys hope Deion Sanders' turf-toe troubles will be alleviated by the season opener.



99 COWBOYS SCHEDULE

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WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17



Four-time All-Pro tackle Larry Allen (above) helped open enough holes for 30-year-old Emmitt Smith to bounce back big in '98 with 1,332 yards rushing.

Changes are afoot up front, where last year's draft choice, Flozell Adams, played well at guard and might be shifted to tackle. His ability means left tackle Larry Allen could return to his former spot at right guard next to tackle Erik Williams. Or Allen could play left guard in place of Nate Newton with Everette McIver returning to right guard. He might not be ready by the season opener. At center, the Cowboys went back to the future by re-signing Mark Stepnoski from the Titans. They used to think Stepnoski was undersized until they played last season with Clay Shiver.

The apparent end of Lett's career due to drug problems has caused a change of thinking on defense.

Tar Heel bookends

Taking Ekuban No. 1 gives coordinator Dave Campo both bookends from North Carolina's outstanding 1997 defense. Left end Greg Ellis played well as a rookie last season. His three sacks fell considerably short of the eight by ex-UNC teammate Vonnie Holliday, who played end in Green Bay. Kavika Pittman remains the most effective outside rusher the Cowboys have.

Inside, the Cowboys must rely on Chad Hennings, Darren Benson and probably will slide Michael Myers there.

Moving Randall Godfrey to middle linebacker is the start of a revision at linebacker, where the Cowboys hope free agent Quentin Coryatt can rebound from a year off and Dexter Coakley can continue his productive tackling.

The health of Sanders is paramount for a secondary that struggled without him. Cornerback Kevin Smith, strong safety Darren Woodson and free safeties George Teague and Omar Stoutmire all struggled at times without Sanders patrolling half the secondary.

DALLAS COWBOYS

Chan Gailey, Head Coach

Jim Bates, Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line; Dave Campo, Defensive Coordinator; George Edwards, Linebackers; Wayne Geis, Quarterbacks; Steve Hoffman, Kickers/Quality Control; Hudson Houck, Offensive Line; Jim Jeffcoat, Assistant Defensive Line; Joe Juraszek, Strength And Conditioning; Les Miles, Tight Ends; Joe Avezzano, Special Teams; Dwain Painter, Wide Receivers; Clancy Pendergast, Defensive Assistant/Quality Control; Tommie Robinson, Offensive Assistant; Clarence Shelmon, Running Backs; Mike Zimmer, Defensive Backs

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
8	Aikman, Troy	QB	6-4	219	11/21/66	10 UCLA
17	Garrett, Jason	QB	6-2	195	03/28/66	6 Princeton
11	Quinn, Mike	QB	6-3	220	04/15/74	2 Stephen F. Austin
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
53	Stepnoski, Mark	C	6-2	269	01/20/67	10 Pittsburgh
79	Williams, Erik	T	6-6	328	09/07/68	8 Central State
67	McIver, Everette	G	6-6	315	08/05/70	5 Elizabeth City State
73	Allen, Larry	T	6-3	326	11/27/71	5 Sonoma State
50	Shiver, Clay	C	6-2	294	12/07/72	3 Florida State
66	Hutson, Tony	G	6-3	313	03/13/74	2 Northeastern
76	Adams, Flozell	T	6-7	330	05/10/75	1 Michigan State
68	Ross, Oliver	G	6-4	292	09/27/74	1 Iowa State
63	Kiselak, Mike	C	6-3	295	03/09/67	1 Maryland
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
48	Johnston, Daryl	RB	6-2	242	02/10/66	10 Syracuse
22	Smith, Emmitt	RB	5-9	209	05/15/69	9 Florida
42	Warren, Chris	RB	6-2	228	01/24/68	9 Ferrum
45	Sualua, Nicky	RB	5-11	257	04/15/75	2 Ohio State
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
88	Irvin, Michael	WR	6-2	207	03/05/66	11 Miami (FL)
85	Mills, Ernie	WR	5-11	192	10/28/68	8 Florida
81	Ismail, Raghib	WR	5-11	180	11/18/69	6 Notre Dame
86	Bjornson, Eric	TE	6-4	236	12/15/71	4 Washington
87	Davis, Billy	WR	6-1	205	07/06/72	4 Pittsburgh
83	Clay, Hayward	TE	6-3	260	07/25/73	2 Texas A&M
89	LaFleur, David	TE	6-7	280	01/29/74	2 Louisiana State
82	Ogden, Jeff	WR	6-0	190	02/22/75	1 Eastern Washington
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
51	Thomas, Broderick	DE	6-4	254	02/20/67	9 Nebraska
78	Lett, Leon	DT	6-6	295	10/12/68	8 Emporia State
95	Hennings, Chad	DT	6-6	291	10/20/65	7 Air Force
91	Benson, Darren	DT	6-7	308	08/25/74	2 Trinity Valley C.C.
97	Pittman, Kavika	DE	6-6	267	10/09/74	3 McNeese State
77	Davis, Nathan	DT	6-5	285	02/06/74	1 Indiana
98	Ellis, Greg	DE	6-6	265	08/14/75	1 North Carolina
94	Myers, Michael	DT	6-3	270	01/20/76	1 Alabama
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
21	Sanders, Deion	CB	6-1	195	08/09/67	10 Florida State
26	Smith, Kevin	CB	5-11	190	04/07/70	7 Texas A&M
28	Woodson, Darren	S	6-1	219	04/25/69	7 Arizona State
31	Teague, George	S	6-1	196	02/18/71	6 Alabama
25	Williams, Charlie	S	6-0	189	02/02/72	4 Bowling Green
35	Davis, Wendell	CB	5-10	183	06/27/73	2 Oklahoma
30	Wheaton, Kenny	S	5-10	190	03/08/75	2 Oregon
24	Stoutmire, Omar	S	5-11	198	07/09/74	2 Fresno State
23	Mathis, Kevin	CB	5-9	172	04/29/74	2 Texas A&M-Commerce
27	Mobley, Singer	S	5-11	195	10/12/72	2 Washington State
43	Reese, Izell	S	6-3	190	05/07/74	1 UAB
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
56	Godfrey, Randall	LB	6-2	237	04/06/73	3 Georgia
52	Coakley, Dexter	LB	5-10	215	10/20/72	2 Appalachian State
58	Hemsley, Nate	LB	6-0	219	05/15/74	2 Syracuse
54	Hambrick, Darren	LB	6-2	214	08/30/75	1 South Carolina
53	Tolbert, Brandon	LB	6-4	226	04/06/75	0 Georgia
59	Thomas, Robert	LB	6-1	260	12/01/74	1 Henderson State
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
3	Cunningham, Richie	K	5-10	167	08/18/70	2 Southwestern Louisiana
4	Gowin, Toby	P	5-9	167	03/30/75	2 North Texas

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	20	Ekuban, Ebenezer	DE	6-4	265	05/29/76	North Carolina
2	55	Page, Solomon	T	6-6	300	02/27/76	West Virginia
3	85	Nguyen, Dat	LB	6-1	213	09/25/75	Texas A&M
4	118	McGarity, Wane	WR	5-9	190	09/30/76	Texas
4	132	Zellner, Peppi	DE	6-5	246	—	Fort Valley State
6	193	Jenkins, Martay	WR	6-1	190	—	Nebraska-Omaha
7	229	Lucky, Mike	TE	6-6	270	11/23/75	Arizona
7	243	Garmon, Kelvin	G	6-2	316	10/26/76	Baylor

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 10, Lost 6

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 38-10	Arizona
09/13	L 23-42	at Denver
09/21	W 31-7	at NY Giants
09/27	L 12-13	Oakland
10/04	W 31-10	at Washington
10/11	W 27-20	Carolina
10/18	L 12-13	at Chicago
11/02	W 34-0	at Philadelphia
11/08	W 16-6	NY Giants
11/15	W 35-28	at Arizona
11/22	W 30-22	Seattle
11/26	L 36-46	Minnesota
12/06	L 3-22	at New Orleans
12/13	L 17-20	at Kansas City
12/20	W 13-9	Philadelphia
12/27	W 23-7	Washington

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Smith	319	1332	4.2	32	13
Warren	59	291	4.9	49	4
Williams	64	220	3.4	24	1
Aikman	22	69	3.1	23	2
Gowin	1	33	33.0	33	0
Johnston	8	17	2.1	6	0
Davis	4	15	3.8	8	0
Garrett	11	14	1.3	5	0
Ogden	1	12	12.0	12	0
Mills	3	9	3.0	5	0
Bjornson	1	7	7.0	7	1
Irvin	1	1	1.0	1	0
Quinn	5	-6	-1.2	-1	0
Team	499	2014	4.0	49	21
Opponents	401	1619	4.0	63	10

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Irvin	74	1057	14.3	51	1
Davis	39	691	17.7	80	3
Mills	28	479	17.1	43	4
Smith	27	175	6.5	24	2
LaFleur	20	176	8.8	24	2
Jeffers	18	330	18.3	67	2
Johnston	18	60	3.3	9	1
Bjornson	15	218	14.5	43	1
Warren	13	66	5.1	15	1
Williams	11	104	9.5	30	0
Ogden	8	63	7.9	12	0
Sanders	7	100	14.3	55	0
Clay	1	27	27.0	27	0
Team	279	3546	12.7	80	17
Opponents	290	3767	13.0	89	21

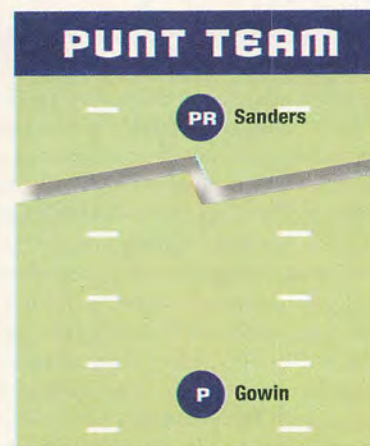
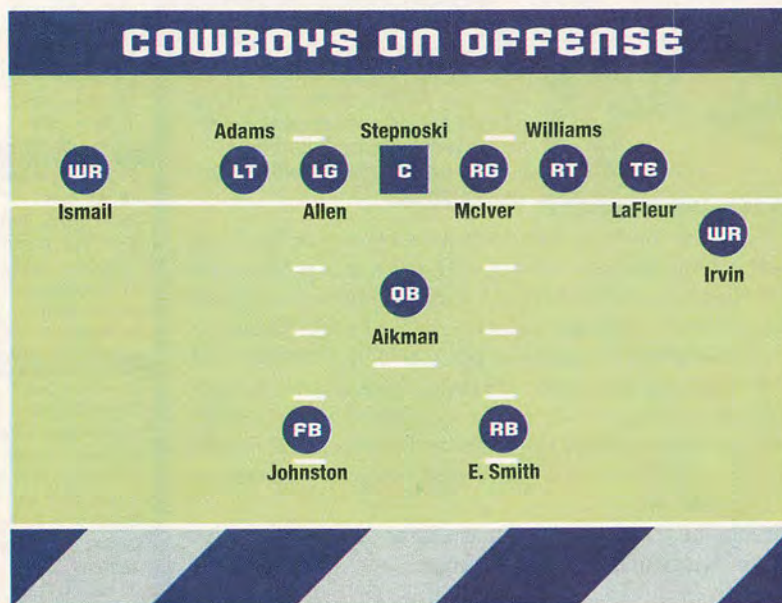
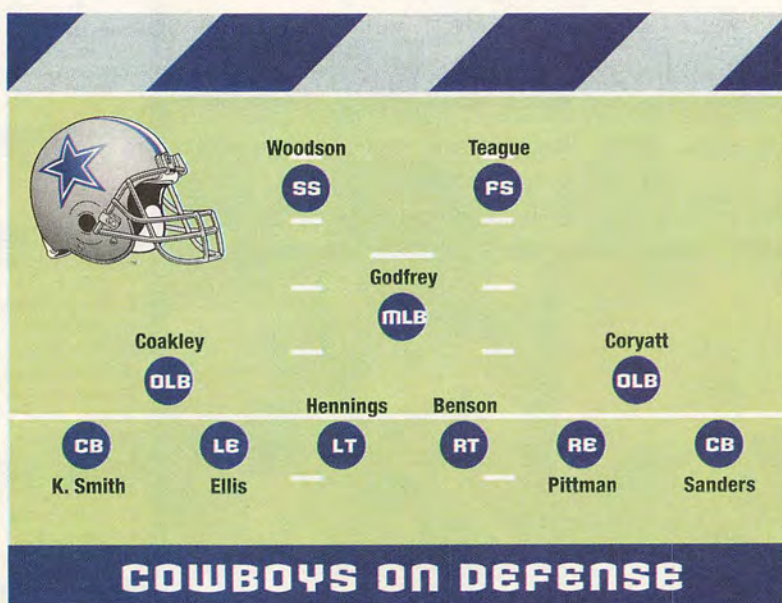
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Aikman	315	187	2330	12	5
Garrett	158	91	1206	5	3
Quinn	1	1	10	0	0
Team	474	279	3546	17	8
Opponents	553	290	3767	21	14

SACKS

Pittman 6.0, McCormack 5.0, Lett 4.0, Ellis 3.0, Godfrey 3.0, Myers 3.0, Woodson 3.0, Coakley 2.0, Teague 2.0, Hennings 1.0, Mathis 1.0, Stoutmire 1.0

Team 34.0, Opponents 19.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS





Arizona holds talented Cards, but return playoff trip can't be taken for granted.

Playoffs became a new word for fans of the Cardinals to learn last year. They hadn't played in a postseason since 1982 and hadn't won a playoff game since 1947. All that ended with a resounding win against the Cowboys in Dallas, providing no better springboard to 1999. Coach Vince Tobin has asked for pioneers, not historians. Why not us? It's a legitimate question for a team that certainly doesn't need as much improvement as the Falcons found when they jumped from 7-9 into the Super Bowl.

Steady progression is a tricky assumption, however. If the Cardinals think they can start where they left off, they probably are due for the same kind of setback the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and New York Giants experienced last season.

The Two Jakes

The Cards still are full of youth and question marks as well as potential. It all starts with **Jake Plummer**, the young quarterback who must continue to improve in order to give his team a shot. In his first full season as a starter, the third-year man out of Arizona State got better, which is all Tobin can ask. It took comebacks by Plummer (tied or trailing in the fourth quarter or overtime) to get seven of Arizona's wins.

The challenge for offensive coordinator Marc Trestman is to rein in Plummer's impetuous nature without hindering his instincts, a fine line for a coach to walk.

One of the keys for Plummer is to continue to surround him with weapons so he doesn't think he needs to do too much himself. The Cardinals added another weapon in No. 1 pick David Boston from Ohio State, a big and fast receiver who can complement Rob

Moore and **Frank Sanders**. Moore and Sanders developed into one of the best duos in the league last season, with Sanders leading the NFC in catches and Moore gutting out a hamstring injury to catch 67 passes.

At tight end, **Johnny McWilliams** developed into a solid starter and **Chris Gedney** into a reliable backup with excellent receiving ability.

Yo, Adrian

Adrian Murrell's third straight 1,000-yard rushing season put him in elite company. His production is a key to alleviating pressure from Plummer. Pass-catching fullback **Larry Centers** became the team's career receiving leader. Murrell's backup, **Mario Bates**, scored six touchdowns as the short-yardage back.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	319.3	13
Rushing	101.7	21
Passing	217.6	8
Scoring	20.3	15
Punt Returns	6.9	29
Kick Returns	20.9	21T
Total Defense	329.1	21
Against Rush	124.3	20
Against Pass	204.8	17
Pts Allowed	23.6	24T
Interceptions	20	8T
Sacks	39	14T
Turnover Diff.	+3	11

Losing Lomas

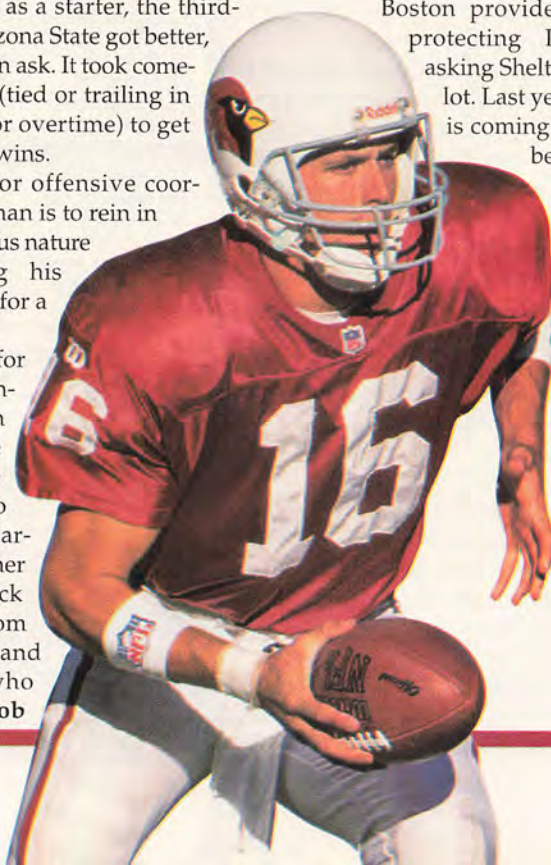
Losing left tackle **Lomas Brown** to Cleveland in free agency is a blow for the Cardinals, who needed Brown's steadying influence on a developing group. Drafting **L.J. Shelton** in the first round after Boston provides hope at the vital spot of protecting Plummer's back side, but asking Shelton to replace Brown is asking a lot. Last year's rookie, **Anthony Clement**, is coming off a back injury. He might be better suited to right tackle.

Guards **Chris Dishman** and **Lester Holmes** were durable and adequate last year, with Dishman establishing himself as the team's best run-blocker. **Jerome Daniels**, a 350-pounder, could push Holmes. **Allen DeGraffenreid** also is in the mix. **Aaron Graham** is the starting center, backed by **Mike Devlin**.

Seven of Arizona's nine victories were the result of fourth-quarter comebacks led by Jake Plummer.



Cornerback Aeneas Williams (top) and end Simeon Rice lead a Cards defense full of potential.



99 CARDINALS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 7

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17



Steady veteran wideout Rob Moore surpassed the 8,000-yard mark in career receiving with 67 catches for Arizona last season.

Swann song

The defense of coordinator, Dave McGinnis, got hurt by the loss of tackle **Eric Swann** down the stretch last season. Swann tended to a knee injury the Cardinal brass thought could have waited. A healthy and productive Swann is vital.

A front four of Swann, **Mark Smith**, **Andre Wadsworth** and **Simeon Rice** is enough to make defensive coaches drool and offensive coaches sigh. But it must provide the groundwork for a unit that finishes better than 21st in yardage allowed, 20th against the run. Clearly, this is not yet anywhere near a shut-down defense.

The Cards lost out to Cleveland in its bid to re-sign free agent linebacker Jamir Miller, the team's leading tackler and force against the pass and run. Drafting Florida's **Johnny Rutledge** in the second round provides some flexibility, although Rutledge could help **Ronald McKinnon** inside or **Tony McCombs** on the right side. Adding **Rob Fredrickson** from Detroit in free agency will help ease the loss of Miller.

Aeneas arrives

Aeneas Williams anchors a secondary as a shut-down cornerback. On the way to his fifth Pro Bowl, Williams ended Michael Irvin's streak of games with a catch at 117. Fortunately for the Cards, they found a complementary corner in rookie **Corey Chavous**, who along with **Tom Knight** give the Cards a solid group of cover men.

Free safety **Kwame Lassiter** had eight interceptions. Strong safety **Tommy Bennett** had two big-play interception returns.

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Vince Tobin, Head Coach

Marc Trestman, Offensive Coordinator; Dave McGinnis, Defensive Coordinator; Alan Everest, Special Teams; Joe Greene, Defensive Line; Larry Marmie, Defensive Backs; Glenn Pires, Linebackers; Vic Rapp, Wide Receivers; Bob Rogucki, Strength and Conditioning; Johnny Roland, Running Backs; George Warhop, Offensive Line

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
17	Brown, Dave	QB	6-5	223	02/25/70	7 Duke
16	Plummer, Jake	QB	6-2	195	12/19/74	2 Arizona State

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
86	Junkin, Trey	C	6-2	240	01/23/61	16 Louisiana Tech
71	Holmes, Lester	G	6-4	315	09/27/69	6 Jackson State
62	Devlin, Mike	C	6-2	300	11/16/69	6 Iowa
69	Degraffenreid, Allen	T	6-4	293	06/03/74	2 Vanderbilt
73	Joyce, Matt	G	6-7	316	03/30/72	4 Richmond
79	Clark, Jon	T	6-6	345	04/11/73	3 Temple
64	Dexter, James	T	6-5	300	03/03/73	3 South Carolina
54	Graham, Aaron	C	6-1	295	05/22/73	3 Nebraska
67	Dishman, Chris	G	6-2	320	02/27/74	2 Nebraska
71	Guynes, Thomas	T	6-5	330	09/09/74	1 Michigan
72	Daniels, Jerome	G	6-5	355	09/13/74	1 Northeastern
	Fleming, Antonio	G	6-3	307	02/06/74	0 Georgia

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
37	Centers, Larry	RB	5-11	215	06/01/68	9 Stephen F. Austin
29	Murrell, Adrian	RB	5-11	214	10/16/70	6 West Virginia
24	Bates, Mario	RB	6-1	217	01/16/73	5 Arizona State
31	Brown, Rod	RB	6-0	240	02/28/74	0 North Carolina State
32	Pittman, Michael	RB	6-0	204	08/14/75	1 Fresno State

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
85	Moore, Rob	WR	6-3	205	09/27/68	9 Syracuse
84	Gedney, Chris	TE	6-5	265	08/09/70	6 Syracuse
81	Sanders, Frank	WR	6-1	202	02/17/73	4 Auburn
87	McWilliams, Johnny	TE	6-4	261	12/14/72	3 Southern California
48	Hayes, Jarius	TE	6-3	255	03/23/73	2 North Alabama
12	Carpenter, Chad	WR	5-11	197	07/17/73	0 Washington State
82	Anderson, Ronnie	WR	6-1	190	02/27/75	1 Allegheny
80	Hardy, Terry	TE	6-5	257	05/31/76	1 Southern Mississippi
	McCullough, Andy	WR	6-3	201	11/11/75	0 Tennessee

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
96	Ottis, Brad	DT	6-4	280	08/02/72	4 Wayne State (NE)
97	Rice, Simeon	DE	6-5	265	02/24/74	3 Illinois
93	Smith, Mark	DE	6-4	273	08/28/74	2 Auburn
91	Swinger, Rashod	NT	6-3	294	11/27/74	2 Rutgers
90	Wadsworth, Andre	DE	6-4	282	10/19/74	1 Florida State
92	Cousins, Jomo	DT	6-4	257	09/02/74	0 Florida A&M
74	Moten, Mike	DT	6-5	266	03/12/74	1 Florida

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
35	Williams, Aeneas	CB	5-10	190	01/29/68	8 Southern University
26	Brown, J.B.	CB	6-0	191	01/05/67	10 Maryland
44	McCleskey, J.J.	CB	5-7	177	04/10/70	5 Tennessee
42	Lassiter, Kwame	S	5-11	180	12/03/69	4 Kansas
28	Bennett, Tommy	S	6-1	204	02/19/73	3 UCLA
22	Knight, Tom	CB	5-11	190	12/29/74	2 Iowa
27	Howard, Ty	CB	5-9	186	11/30/73	2 Ohio State
25	Chavous, Corey	CB	6-0	207	01/05/76	1 Vanderbilt
40	Tillman, Pat	S	5-11	202	11/06/76	1 Arizona State

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
53	Maddox, Mark	LB	6-1	233	03/23/68	7 Northern Michigan
53	Fredrickson, Rob	LB	6-4	240	05/13/71	5 Michigan State
56	Irving, Terry	LB	6-0	224	07/03/71	5 McNeese State
55	Sapp, Patrick	LB	6-4	258	05/11/73	3 Clemson
57	McKinnon, Ronald	LB	5-11	230	09/20/73	3 North Alabama
50	McCombs, Tony	LB	6-2	240	08/24/74	2 Eastern Kentucky
52	Walz, Zack	LB	6-5	210	02/13/76	1 Dartmouth
	Kenney, Marchant	LB	6-2	218	11/17/74	0 Southern Mississippi

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
13	Jacke, Chris	K	6-0	205	03/12/66	10 UTEP
6	Nedney, Joe	K	6-4	205	03/22/73	3 San Jose State
10	Player, Scott	P	6-0	220	12/17/69	1 Florida State

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	8	Boston, David	WR	6-3	215	08/19/78	Ohio State
1	21	Shelton, L.J.	T	6-6	324	03/21/76	Eastern Michigan
2	51	Rutledge, Johnny	LB	6-2	246	01/04/77	Florida
3	83	Burke, Tom	DE	6-4	249	10/12/76	Wisconsin
4	116	Makovicka, Joel	RB	5-11	240	10/06/75	Nebraska
5	155	Johnson, Paris	S	6-2	218	01/18/76	Miami (OH)
5	168	Scott, Yusuf	G	6-3	320	11/30/76	Arizona
6	190	Rhinehart, Jacoby	CB	5-11	190	02/07/77	Southern Methodist
6	202	Bradley, Melvin	DT	6-2	260	08/15/76	Arkansas
6	206	McKinley, Dennis	RB	6-1	240	11/03/76	Mississippi State
7	239	Greisen, Chris	QB	6-2	224	—	N.W. Missouri State

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 9, Lost 7

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	L 10-38	at Dallas
09/13	L 14-33	at Seattle
09/20	W 17-3	Philadelphia
09/27	W 20-17	at St. Louis
10/04	L 20-23	Oakland
10/11	W 20-7	Chicago
10/18	L 7-34	at NY Giants
11/01	W 17-15	at Detroit
11/08	W 29-27	Washington
11/15	L 28-35	Dallas
11/22	W 45-42	at Washington
11/29	L 24-34	at Kansas City
12/06	L 19-23	NY Giants
12/13	W 20-17	at Philadelphia
12/20	W 19-17	New Orleans
12/27	W 16-13	San Diego

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Murrell	274	1042	3.8	32	8
Plummer	51	217	4.3	27	4
Bates	60	165	2.8	15	6
Centers	31	110	3.5	14	0
Pittman	29	91	3.1	11	0
Brown	1	2	2.0	2	0
Sanders	4	0	0.0	7	0
Team	450	1627	3.6	32	18
Opponents	492	1989	4.0	30	18

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Sanders	89	1145	12.9	42	3
Centers	69	559	8.1	54	2
Moore	67	982	14.7	57	5
Metcalfe	31	324	10.5	29	0
McWilliams	26	284	10.9	26	4
Gedney	22	271	12.3	32	1
Murrell	18	169	9.4	30	2
Brock	2	12	6.0	7	0
Anderson	1	8	8.0	8	0
Bates	1	14	14.0	14	0
Team	326	3768	11.6	57	17
Opponents	299	3526	11.8	87	21

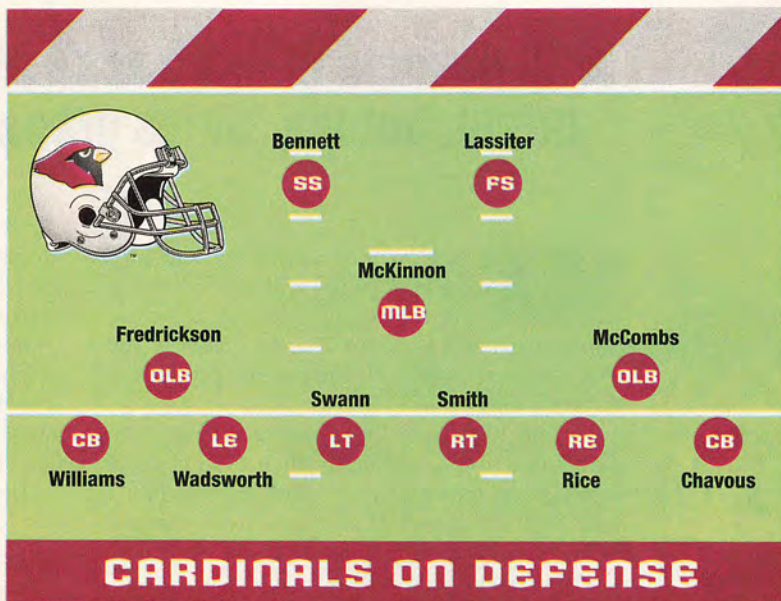
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Plummer	547	324	3737	17	20
Brown	5	2	31	0	0
Team	552	326	3768	17	20
Opponents	518	299	3526	21	20

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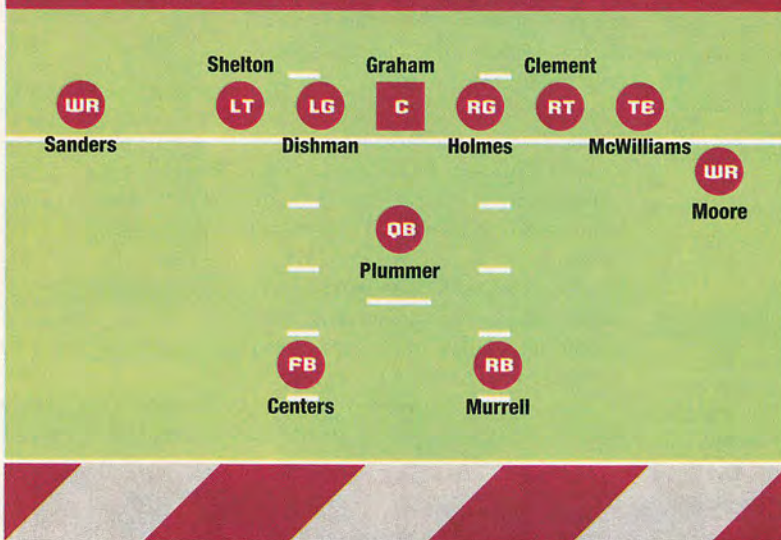
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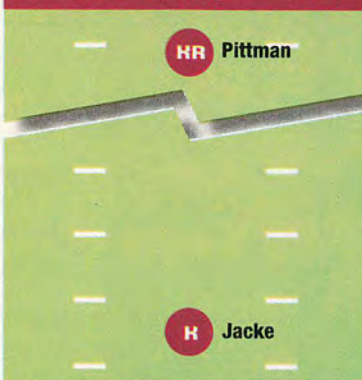
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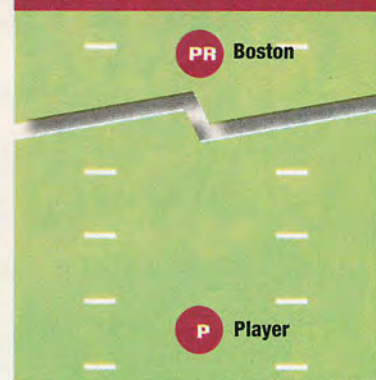
CARDINALS ON OFFENSE



KICK TEAM



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WASHINGTON REDSKINS

With bushels of extra draft picks, the future looks bright, but the 'Skins prepare for '99 scalping.



How well new QB Brad Johnson adjusts to a less-talented cast is the big question for the Redskins.

Receiver Michael Westbrook had his best season in '98, with 44 catches and six touchdowns.

Whoever owns or coaches the Redskins in the near future will have plenty of draft choices with which to work, thanks to general manager Charley Casserly. The trick is to turn those draft choices into productive players, pronto.

For the 2000 draft, the Redskins will have an extra No. 1 from Carolina for their 1998 trade of Sean Gilbert to the Panthers and an extra No. 1 from New Orleans for this year's swap that got Ricky Williams to the Saints.

The Redskins were able to do this and still land the man they wanted all along, Georgia cornerback **Champ Bailey**. Rated by many as the best athlete in the draft, Bailey can play defense, offense and special teams—perfect for a team that needs help in all three areas.

The Turner Diaries

Unfortunately, he follows a trend of failed Redskin draft choices who have put coach Norv Turner and Casserly on very hot seats. Heath Shuler, **Michael Westbrook** and **Desmond Howard** all were drafted higher than Bailey and turned out to be worse than politicians in fulfilling their promises.

Turner has discovered how lucky he was to have **Troy Aikman** as a student in Dallas. He

identified Shuler as the future when he arrived, then turned to **Gus Frerotte**. When Frerotte failed to live up to expectations, Turner turned again to an untested player, **Trent Green**. But after Green finished last season with 16 touchdown passes and only four interceptions in his final nine games, there was no money left to sign him and he fled to St. Louis.

This forced the Redskins to spend one of their two No. 1 picks this year to get Minnesota's **Brad Johnson**, Turner's fourth answer in six seasons. The

Redskins and their faithful welcome Johnson with open arms. Johnson would prefer seeing more hands and legs, the talented kind he was used to seeing in Minnesota.

Westbrook never reached his potential and is now coming off neck surgery, his shaky career in danger of ending before it gets started. With last year's leading touchdown-maker, **Leslie Shepherd**, gone to Cleveland, Johnson will soon be lobbying to get Bailey into his huddle.

The Redskins didn't address their receiver need in the draft, lost tight end **Jamie Asher** to Philadelphia and

have little-used wideout **Albert Connell** penciled in as a starter. Second-year tight end **Stephen Alexander** was outstanding as a rookie and will give Johnson a big target.

Third-down back **Brian Mitchell** continues as one of the most versatile and productive players in NFL history. All he did last season was share the team lead with Westbrook for receptions (44) and lead the team in punt and kickoff returns.

Workhorse **Terry Allen**'s legs gave out and he was waived after the draft. **Skip Hicks** showed promise as a rookie, but he'll have to increase his 3.5-yard average. **Stephen Davis** started at full-back for most of last season, but also has a chance to play tailback, where he ended the year.

Land of opportunity

Trading up to get Michigan offensive tackle **Jon Jansen** in the second round exposed a big area of need. But Jansen is a right tackle and the Redskins have a bigger problem at left tackle, where guard **Joe Patton** had to finish last season because of injuries elsewhere. **Shar Pourdanesh** played better at right tackle, where he belongs unless Jansen proves otherwise.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	313.1	15
Rushing	105.3	18
Passing	207.8	13
Scoring	19.9	17
Punt Returns	11.5	11
Kick Returns	21.6	18T
Total Defense	334.6	24
Against Rush	152.3	28
Against Pass	182.4	5
Pts Allowed	26.3	28
Interceptions	13	21T
Sacks	33	26
Turnover Diff.	-8	24T



99 REDSKINS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 5

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17	

Brad Badger started last season at left tackle but ended at left guard, normally Tre Johnson's spot. Cory Raymer is the center and Rod Milstead is the right guard, but with the addition of Jansen the only thing certain is there will be change.

Last year's expensive addition of Dana Stubblefield and Dan Wilkinson did little to improve a defense that gave up more points than any other NFC team. Stubblefield finished injured and Wilkinson finished with seven and a half sacks to lead the team. No way the Redskins can afford to give up yet on this tandem.

Left end Kenard Lang became a fixture by starting every game and registering seven sacks. After losing Jamal Duff and Rich Owens in free agency, the 'Skins are looking for a starter on the right side. They signed Anthony Cook from Tennessee. Veteran backup Marc Boutte is a possibility.

A change at middle linebacker should help stop the run. Fred Strickland was signed and weakside starter Derek Smith will be moved inside to replace Marcus Patton. Greg Jones will start on the strong side ahead of Ken Harvey, whose forte is pass rushing. Shawn Barber will replace Smith outside if Smith stays inside.

Bailey is expected to replace cornerback Cris Dishman, who was released. On the right side is ageless Darrell Green, who is 39 and coming off another Pro Bowl-level year.

The Redskins brought in Sam Shade from Cincinnati to bolster the safety spot. Leomont Evans is scheduled to move from strong to free. Jamel Williams is the primary backup.

Second-year running back Skip Hicks (left) and No. 1 draft pick Champ Bailey are set as the Redskins' two young building blocks.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Norv Turner, Head Coach

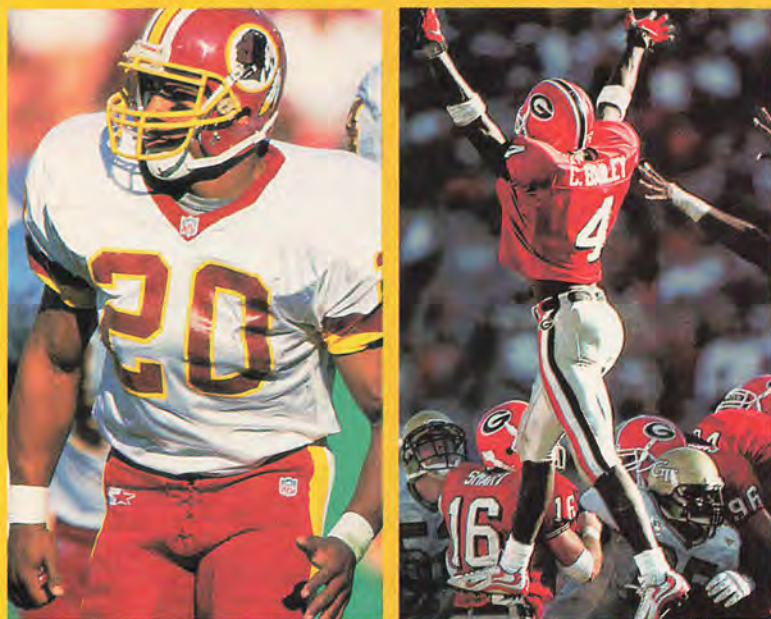
Mike Nolan, Defensive Coordinator; Jason Arapoff, Assistant Conditioning; Jeff Fitzgerald, Defensive Assistant; Russ Grimm, Tight Ends; Tom Hayes, Defensive Backs; Bobby Jackson, Running Backs; Earl Leggett, Defensive Ends; Mike Martz, Quarterbacks; LeCharles McDaniel, Defensive Assistant; Mike Pope, Tight Ends; Dan Riley, Conditioning; Terry Robiskie, Wide Receivers

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
14	Johnson, Brad	QB	6-5	219	09/13/68	5 Florida State
9	Peete, Rodney	QB	6-0	225	03/16/66	10 Southern California
11	Weldon, Casey	QB	6-1	206	02/03/69	4 Florida State
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
63	Sims, Keith	G	6-3	309	06/17/67	9 Iowa State
75	Dahl, Bob	G	6-5	329	01/15/68	6 Notre Dame
69	Milstead, Rod	G	6-2	290	11/10/69	5 Delaware State
68	Cocozzo, Joe	G	6-4	300	08/07/70	5 Michigan
79	Vickers, Kipp	G	6-2	297	08/27/69	3 Miami (FL)
68	Patton, Joe	G	6-5	309	01/05/72	5 Alabama A&M
72	Brown, Jamie	T	6-8	320	04/24/72	4 Florida A&M
52	Raymer, Cory	C	6-2	292	03/03/73	4 Wisconsin
67	Pourdanesh, Shar	T	6-6	318	07/19/70	3 Nevada
76	Burns, Lamont	G	6-4	295	03/16/74	1 East Carolina
74	Badger, Brad	G	6-4	298	01/11/75	2 Stanford
60	Fischer, Mark	T	6-4	290	07/29/74	1 Purdue
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
30	Mitchell, Brian	RB	5-10	220	08/18/68	9 Southwestern Louisiana
48	Davis, Stephen	RB	6-0	230	03/01/74	3 Auburn
47	Bowie, Larry	RB	6-0	242	03/21/73	3 Georgia
20	Hicks, Skip	RB	6-0	222	10/13/74	1 UCLA
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
89	Sadowski, Troy	TE	6-5	250	12/08/65	9 Georgia
82	Westbrook, Michael	WR	6-3	220	07/07/72	4 Colorado
89	Thomas, Chris	WR	6-2	190	07/16/71	3 Cal Poly SLO
86	Alexander, Kevin	WR	5-9	184	01/23/75	2 Utah State
83	Connell, Albert	WR	6-0	187	05/13/74	2 Texas A&M
87	Thrash, James	WR	6-1	206	04/28/75	2 Missouri Southern State
80	Alexander, Stephen	TE	6-4	225	11/07/75	1 Oklahoma
45	Sellers, Mike	TE	6-3	260	07/21/75	1 Walla Walla C.C.
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
93	Boutte, Marc	DT	6-4	301	07/26/69	7 Louisiana State
94	Stubblefield, Dana	DT	6-2	290	11/14/70	6 Kansas
95	Wilkinson, Dan	DE	6-5	313	03/13/73	5 Ohio State
78	Cook, Anthony	DE	6-3	293	05/30/72	4 South Carolina State
90	Lang, Kenard	DE	6-3	255	01/31/75	2 Miami (FL)
72	Kalu, Ndukwe	DE	6-3	245	08/03/75	2 Rice
97	Kinney, Kelvin	DE	6-6	252	12/31/72	2 Virginia State
78	Brown, Doug	DT	6-7	290	09/29/74	1 Simon Fraser
91	Hoelscher, David	DT	6-6	256	11/27/75	1 Eastern Kentucky
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
28	Green, Darrell	CB	5-8	184	02/15/60	16 Texas A&M-Kingsville
27	Evans, Greg	S	6-1	208	06/28/71	2 Texas Christian
35	Shade, Sam	S	6-1	191	06/14/73	4 Alabama
31	Pounds, Darryl	CB	5-10	181	07/21/72	4 Nicholls State
23	Stevens, Matt	S	6-0	206	06/15/73	3 Appalachian State
35	Evans, Leomont	S	6-1	200	07/12/74	3 Clemson
25	Denton, Tim	CB	5-11	180	02/02/73	1 Sam Houston State
22	Williams, Jamel	S	6-1	205	12/22/73	2 Nebraska
41	Crutchfield, Buddy	CB	6-0	196	03/07/76	1 North Carolina Central
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
57	Harvey, Ken	LB	6-2	236	05/06/65	11 California
55	Strickland, Fred	LB	6-2	251	08/15/66	11 Purdue
54	Jones, Greg	LB	6-4	245	05/22/74	2 Colorado
50	Smith, Derek	LB	6-2	232	01/18/75	2 Arizona State
98	Russell, Twan	LB	6-2	220	04/25/74	2 Miami (FL)
59	Barber, Shawn	LB	6-2	220	01/14/75	1 Richmond
51	Ponds, Antwaune	LB	6-1	252	06/29/75	1 Syracuse
56	Burnett, Chester	LB	5-11	223	04/15/75	1 Arizona
55	Hamilton, Malcolm	LB	6-1	235	12/31/72	1 Baylor
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
14	Blanchard, Cary	K	6-1	227	11/05/68	6 Oklahoma State
1	Turk, Matt	P	6-5	234	06/16/68	4 Wisconsin-Whitewater
5	Conway, Brett	K	6-2	188	03/08/75	1 Penn State

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	7	Bailey, Champ	CB	6-1	186	06/22/78	Georgia
2	37	Jansen, Jon	T	6-7	299	01/28/76	Michigan
4	107	Stimson, Nate	LB	6-2	253	03/04/76	Georgia Tech
5	165	Smith, Derek	T	6-6	309	04/13/76	Virginia Tech
6	181	Hall, Jeff	K	6-0	182	07/30/76	Tennessee
7	217	Alexander, Tim	WR	6-0	192	10/14/74	Oregon State



1998 FINAL STATS

Won 6, Lost 10

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	L 24-31	at NY Giants
09/14	L 10-45	San Francisco
09/20	L 14-24	at Seattle
09/27	L 16-38	Denver
10/04	L 10-31	Dallas
10/11	L 12-17	at Philadelphia
10/18	L 7-41	at Minnesota
11/01	W 21-14	NY Giants
11/08	L 27-29	at Arizona
11/15	W 28-3	Philadelphia
11/22	L 42-45	Arizona
11/29	W 29-19	at Oakland
12/06	W 24-20	San Diego
12/13	W 28-25	at Carolina
12/19	W 20-16	Tampa Bay
12/27	L 7-23	at Dallas

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Allen	148	700	4.7	45	2
Hicks	122	433	3.5	28	8
Mitchell	39	208	5.3	22	2
Green	42	117	2.8	13	2
Davis	34	109	3.2	12	0
Shepherd	6	91	15.2	29	1
Frerotte	3	20	6.7	20	0
Westbrook	1	11	11.0	11	0
Bowie	4	8	2.0	4	0
Turk	2	-12	-6.0	0	0
Team	401	1685	4.2	45	15
Opponents	531	2436	4.6	55	24

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Mitchell	44	306	7.0	24	0
Westbrook	44	736	16.7	75	6
Shepherd	43	712	16.6	43	8
Alexander	37	383	10.4	33	4
Asher	28	294	10.5	28	0
Connell	28	451	16.1	61	2
Davis	21	263	12.5	30	2
Allen	17	128	7.5	17	0
Thomas	14	173	12.4	25	0
Thrash	10	163	16.3	28	1
Bowie	7	53	7.6	17	1
Hicks	4	23	5.8	9	0
Sellers	3	18	6.0	8	0
Ellard	2	29	14.5	19	0
Green	2	-8	-4.0	0	0
Team	304	3724	12.3	75	24
Opponents	281	3112	11.1	63	21

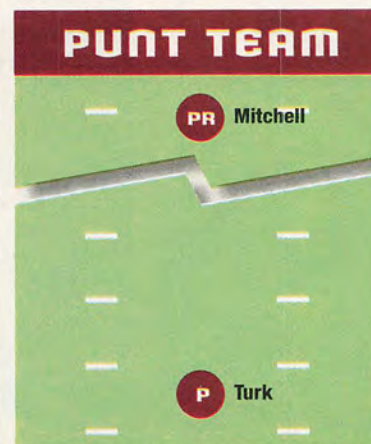
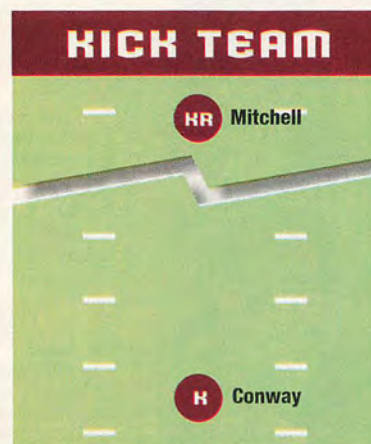
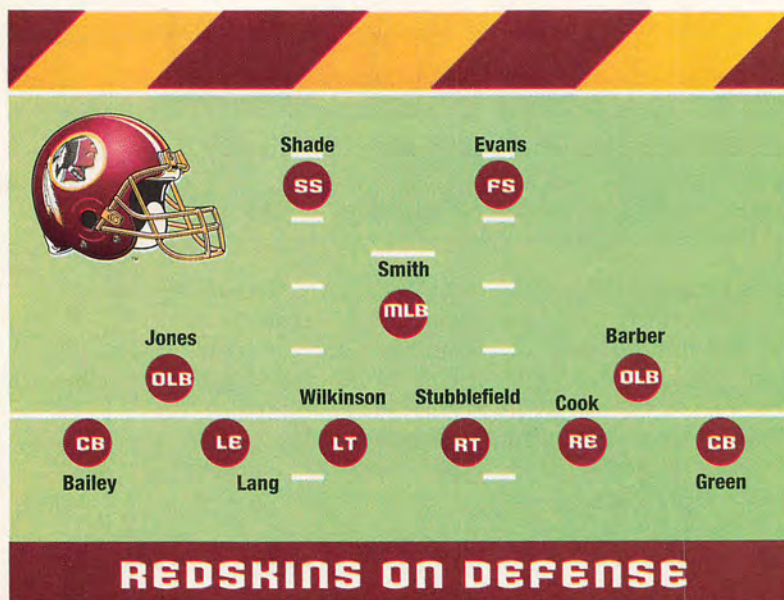
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Green	509	278	3441	23	11
Frerotte	54	25	283	1	3
Mitchell	2	1	0	0	0
Team	565	304	3724	24	14
Opponents	493	281	3112	21	13

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Wilkinson 7.5, Lang 7.0, Duff 3.0, Kalu 3.0, Patton 3.0, Boutte 2.0, Harvey 2.0, Stubblefield 1.5, Evans 1.0, Jones 1.0, Kinney 1.0, Pounds 0.5, Smith 0.5

Team 33.0, Opponents 61.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS





Contention equates to cleaning up a Giant (offensive) mess in New York.

The Giants are a giant mess on offense. After using their top draft pick on offense for 10 of the last 12 years, they finished 29th in the league in offense. So what did they do about it? They drafted an offensive player No. 1 for the 11th time in 13 drafts, that's what.

Getting offensive

Then they took an offensive player second and third and fourth and fifth. Some day, some way, the Giants are bound to hit. Jim Fassel is a coach who specializes in offense, but can't seem to get the Giants out of their doldrums. He tried at quarterback with former No. 1 pick Dave Brown, then got to the playoffs with Danny Kanell in 1997. After Kanell faltered last season, Fassel turned to **Kent Graham**, who won five of his last six starts.

Graham finally won the job, right? Wrong. The Giants signed **Kerry Collins** with the hope and expectation that personal and professional failures in Carolina and New Orleans were aberrations.

They gave up on another former No. 1 pick, running back Tyrone Wheatley, and lost Chris Calloway to Atlanta in free agency. They don't figure either loss will hurt much.

General manager Ernie Accorsi turned to Notre Dame for help, drafting both Irish tackles, **Luke Petitgout** and **Mike Rosenthal**. He turned to a favorite proving ground, the Big 10, for unsung running backs **Joe Montgomery** of Ohio State and **Sean Bennett** of Northwestern. It looks like the Giants are starting from the ground up. If all Collins needs to do is hand off and get out of the way, maybe his life will return to normal.

Kerry-ing on

While Graham supposedly earned a shot at the top job, he's heard such promises before. In Collins, the Giants have a reclamation project who abdicated his spot in Carolina and then disappointed quarterback-starved Mike Ditka in New Orleans. In neither place could Collins get his off-field act together. How he will manage in New York City is beyond the imagination of some skeptics.

The Giants did find a 1,000-yard rusher in castoff **Gary Brown**, but just in case, they added the little-used Montgomery and Bennett to challenge **Tiki Barber** for a reserve role. **Charles Way** is the fullback who plans to return to his 1997 form.

Ike Hilliard, another former No. 1 pick, appears ready to assume his role as the go-to receiver, although **Amani Toomer** showed flashes of big-time talent with five touchdown catches. **Joe Jurevicius** caught only nine passes as a rookie, but has great size (6-5, 230) and pretty good speed.

At tight end, the Giants added Jacksonville starter **Pete Mitchell** to provide a more versatile receiving threat to complement top blocker **Howard Cross**.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	278.4	29
Rushing	118.1	12
Passing	160.4	28
Scoring	17.9	23
Punt Returns	7.2	28
Kick Returns	19.5	27T
Total Defense	323.2	19
Against Rush	125.2	23
Against Pass	197.9	13
Pts Allowed	19.3	8T
Interceptions	19	10T
Sacks	54	1
Turnover Diff.	+2	13

Quarterback Kerry Collins (left) is going to need plenty of help from receiver Ike Hilliard (center) and feature back Gary Brown to earn a fat new paycheck from the Giants.

Irish for Change

The Notre Dame tackles become catalysts for change on the line. Left tackle **Roman Oben** and right guard **Ron Stone** are the only two solid starters, two of the best in the league. Center is an experiment with the return of **Brian Williams**, planning a comeback after a two-year layoff with an eye injury. After two surgeries, Williams can see his way clear to resuming a career that had him



99 GIANTS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 9

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
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Seventh-year defensive end Michael Strahan had a career-high 15 sacks last season, moving up to fourth on the Giants' all-time list.

near the top of the game in 1996. Right tackle **Scott Gragg** is expected to relinquish that spot if Petitgout is ready, enabling the 6-8, 325-pound Gragg to take over for **Greg Bishop** at left guard.

Defense has kept the Giants respectable recently. Turnovers gave them the NFC East title two years ago. But they keep losing bodies and must fight to stay even. Last year, they played without injured star cornerback **Jason Sehorn**. This year, they line up without free agent departure **Chad Bratzke**, who took his 11 sacks to Indianapolis.

Magnificent Michael

The presence of **Michael Strahan** provides comfort to coordinator **John Fox**. Strahan followed up a breakthrough 14-sack season in 1997 with 15 sacks last year despite the added attention given a Pro Bowl performer. To replace Bratzke, the Giants must rely on one of their few former No. 1 picks on defense, **Cedric Jones**. Inside, **Keith Hamilton** finished better than he started, a good sign for this season. But **Robert Harris**, hampered by injury, is looking for a rebound.

In weakside linebacker **Jessie Armstead** and middle backer **Ryan Phillips**, the Giants have two solid starters. They want to improve at strongside linebacker, where the starter, **Marcus Buckley**, could be pushed by **Ryan Phillips**.

The return of a healthy Sehorn will be a welcome sight to Giant fans. Without him the whole defense suffers. The other starting corner is **Phillippi Sparks**, who handled the added pressure last season very well. Second-year free safety **Shaun Williams**, another former defensive No. 1, suffered from being shuffled around in the absence of Sehorn, but is expected to be a force this season. **Sam Garnes** is the strong safety.

NEW YORK GIANTS

Jim Fassel, Head Coach

Jim Skipper, Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs; **John Fox**, Defensive Coordinator; **Dave Brazil**, Defensive Quality Control; **Sean Payton**, Quarterbacks; **John Dunn**, Strength and Conditioning; **Mike Gillhamer**, Offensive Assistant; **Mike Haluchak**, Linebackers; **Johnnie Lynn**, Defensive Backs; **Larry MacDuff**, Special Teams; **Denny Marcin**, Defensive Line; **Jim McNally**, Offensive Line; **Dick Rehbein**, Tight Ends; **Craig Stoddard**, Assistant Strength and Conditioning

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
10	Graham, Kent	QB	6-5	242	11/01/68	7 Ohio State
13	Collins, Kerry	QB	6-5	240	12/30/72	4 Penn State
18	Cherry, Mike	QB	6-3	225	12/15/73	2 Murray State
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
67	Palelei, Lonnie	G	6-3	315	10/15/70	4 UNLV
65	Stone, Ron	G	6-5	325	07/20/71	5 Boston College
73	Zatechka, Rob	G	6-4	315	12/01/71	3 Nebraska
74	Gragg, Scott	T	6-8	325	02/28/72	4 Montana
76	Miller, Nate	G	6-3	310	10/08/71	1 Louisiana State
72	Oben, Roman	T	6-4	297	10/09/72	3 Louisville
69	Engler, Derek	C	6-5	300	07/11/74	2 Wisconsin
70	Myles, Toby	G	6-6	310	07/23/75	0 Jackson State
62	Whittle, Jason	T	6-6	292	03/07/75	1 Southwest Missouri State
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
33	Brown, Gary	RB	5-11	233	07/01/69	7 Penn State
30	Way, Charles	RB	6-0	245	12/27/72	4 Virginia
21	Barber, Tiki	RB	5-10	195	04/07/75	2 Virginia
45	Comella, Greg	RB	6-1	240	07/29/75	1 Stanford
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
87	Cross, Howard	TE	6-5	265	08/08/67	10 Alabama
83	Mitchell, Pete	TE	6-2	238	10/09/71	4 Boston College
81	Toomer, Amani	WR	6-3	202	09/08/74	3 Michigan
88	Hilliard, Ike	WR	6-0	188	04/05/76	2 Florida
86	Jurevicius, Joe	WR	6-5	226	12/23/74	1 Penn State
	Pollack, Todd	TE	6-4	241	12/10/74	0 Boston College
84	Alford, Brian	WR	6-2	188	06/07/75	1 Purdue
89	Haase, Andy	TE	6-4	260	07/10/74	1 Northern Colorado
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
97	Harris, Robert	DT	6-4	295	06/13/69	7 Southern University
75	Hamilton, Keith	DT	6-6	285	05/25/71	7 Pittsburgh
92	Strahan, Michael	DE	6-4	268	11/21/71	6 East Texas State
94	Jones, Cedric	DE	6-4	275	04/30/74	3 Oklahoma
79	Holsey, Bernard	DE	6-2	284	12/10/73	3 Duke
99	Peter, Christian	DT	6-3	300	10/05/72	2 Nebraska
96	Williams, George	DE	6-3	295	12/08/75	1 North Carolina State
95	Council, Keith	DT	6-5	278	12/03/74	0 Florida
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
22	Sparks, Phillippi	CB	5-11	190	04/15/69	7 Arizona State
25	Buckley, Curtis	S	5-10	190	09/25/70	6 East Texas State
31	Sehorn, Jason	CB	6-2	210	04/15/71	4 Southern California
29	Wooten, Tito	S	6-0	195	12/12/71	5 Northeast Louisiana
47	Young, Rodney	S	6-1	212	01/25/73	4 Louisiana State
41	Hamilton, Conrad	CB	5-10	184	11/05/74	3 Eastern New Mexico
43	Ellsworth, Percy	S	6-2	199	10/19/74	3 Virginia
20	Garnes, Sam	S	6-3	227	07/12/74	2 Cincinnati
36	Williams, Shaun	S	6-2	204	10/10/76	1 UCLA
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
90	Widmer, Corey	LB	6-3	250	12/25/68	7 Montana State
55	Buckley, Marcus	LB	6-3	240	02/03/71	6 Texas A&M
98	Armstead, Jessie	LB	6-1	232	10/26/70	6 Miami (FL)
58	Colman, Doug	LB	6-2	252	06/04/73	3 Nebraska
91	Phillips, Ryan	LB	6-4	251	02/07/74	2 Idaho
51	Monty, Pete	LB	6-1	252	07/13/74	2 Wisconsin
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
3	Daluiso, Brad	K	6-2	210	12/31/67	8 UCLA
9	Maynard, Brad	P	6-1	176	02/09/74	2 Ball State

*roster as of May 14

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RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	19	Petitgout, Luke	T	6-6	300	06/16/76	Notre Dame
2	49	Montgomery, Joe	RB	5-11	216	06/08/76	Ohio State
3	79	Campbell, Daniel	TE	6-5	262	04/13/76	Texas A&M
4	112	Bennett, Sean	RB	6-2	225	11/09/75	Northwestern
5	149	Rosenthal, Mike	G	6-7	300	06/10/77	Notre Dame
6	189	West, Lyle	S	6-0	201	12/20/76	San Jose State
6	205	Weathers, Andre	CB	6-1	188	08/06/76	Michigan
7	225	Hale, Ryan	DT	6-4	291	07/10/75	Arkansas
7	231	Childress, O.J.	LB	6-2	233	12/06/76	Clemson

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 8, Lost 8

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 31-24	Washington
09/13	L 17-20	at Oakland
09/21	L 7-31	Dallas
09/27	W 34-16	at San Diego
10/04	L 3-20	at Tampa Bay
10/11	L 20-34	Atlanta
10/18	W 34-7	Arizona
11/01	L 14-21	at Washington
11/08	L 6-16	at Dallas
11/15	L 3-37	Green Bay
11/22	W 20-0	Philadelphia
11/30	L 7-31	at S. Francisco
12/06	W 23-19	at Arizona
12/13	W 20-16	Denver
12/20	W 28-7	Kansas City
12/27	W 20-10	at Philadelphia

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Brown	247	1063	4.3	45	5
Way	113	432	3.8	21	3
Barber	52	166	3.2	23	0
Graham	27	138	5.1	23	2
Wheatley	14	52	3.7	15	0
Kanell	15	36	2.4	10	0
Comella	1	6	6.0	6	0
Hilliard	1	4	4.0	4	0
Cherry	3	-3	-1.0	-1	0
Maynard	1	-5	-5.0	-5	0

Team	474	1889	4.0	45	10
Opponents	476	2004	4.2	80	13

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Calloway	62	812	13.1	36	6
Hilliard	51	715	14.0	50	2
Barber	42	348	8.3	87	3
Way	31	131	4.2	16	1
Toomer	27	360	13.3	37	5
Brown	13	36	2.8	12	0
Cross	13	90	6.9	22	0
Patten	11	119	10.8	39	1
Jurevicius	9	146	16.2	59	0
Haase	2	33	16.5	27	0
Alford	1	11	11.0	11	0
Comella	1	3	3.0	3	0
Graham	1	16	16.0	16	0
Pupunu	1	2	2.0	2	0

Team	265	2822	10.6	87	18
Opponents	282	3503	12.4	80	17

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Kanell	299	160	1603	11	10
Graham	205	105	1219	7	5
Cherry	1	0	0	0	0
Maynard	1	0	0	0	0
Toomer	1	0	0	0	0

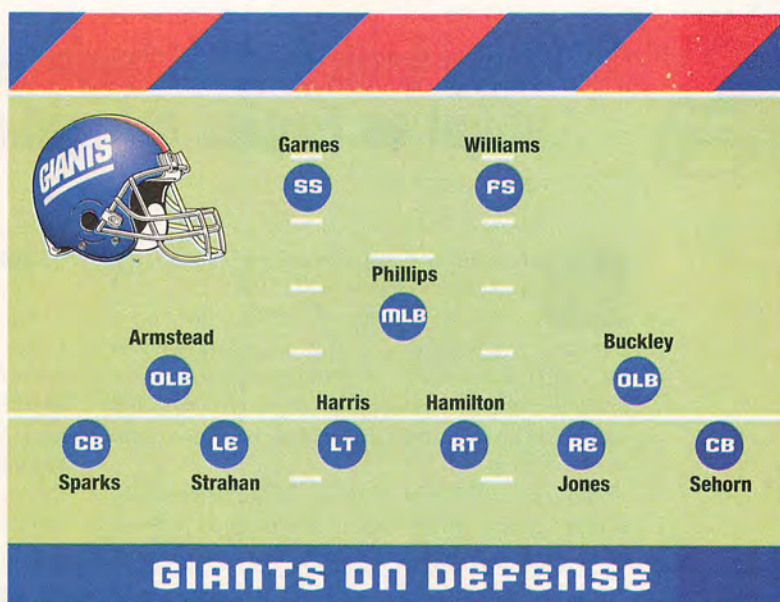
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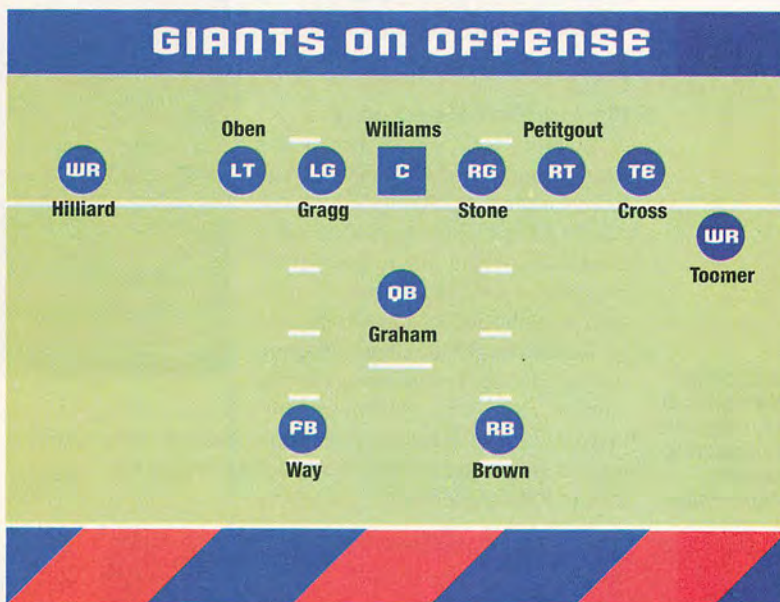
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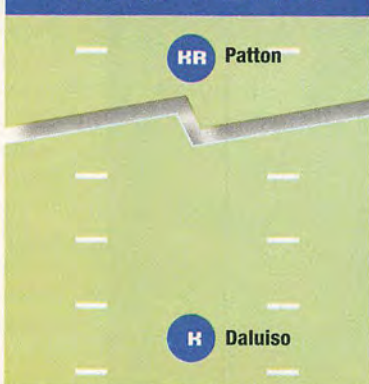
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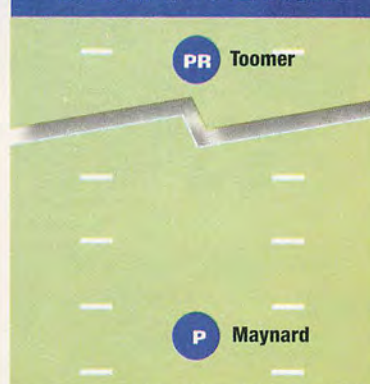
GIANTS ON DEFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM





Philly fans should have plenty more to boo about as Eagles rebuild under Andy Reid.

Before he could put on an Eagles' cap, top draft choice Donovan McNabb was booed at the NFL draft by Philly fans who chanted: "We want Ricky." It was no surprise that McNabb became the first of the five quarterbacks drafted in the first 12 spots to hear boos. McNabb won't be the last. In Philadelphia, he'll no doubt hear the most.

Who did they prefer? Ricky Watters? No, they wanted Ricky Williams. The mayor even jumped on the bandwagon of the Heisman Trophy winner. It's easy to be an expert in Philadelphia. The Eagles have the worst offense in the league, the worst passing attack and can't stop the run on defense.

Remedial Reid-ing

Owner Jeff Lurie fired Ray Rhodes and hired another assistant from Green Bay, Andy Reid, who coached Brett Favre. In McNabb, the Eagles think they have the best QB prospect of the bunch because of his great athletic ability and strong arm.

Reid brought journeyman quarterback Doug Pederson with him from Green Bay. Although he would have preferred Favre, Reid thinks Pederson will provide a good transition for McNabb because he understands Reid's offense.

RB Duce Staley led the Eagles in both rushing and receiving during his second season in Philly.

Help wanted at receiver

It's a good thing McNabb is the best athlete of the new QB crop, because he doesn't have many great athletes surrounding him. The receiver cupboard was virtually bare after the retirement of Irving Fryar and the departure of Chris T. Jones and Jeff Graham. The Eagles added **Charles Johnson** from Pittsburgh, **Torrance Small** from Indianapolis and **Eric Smith** from Chicago in free agency, plus tight end **Jamie Asher** from Washington in an effort to revamp the pass-catching roster.

Inconsistent **Jason Dunn** also returns at tight end along with backups **Chris Fontenot** and **Andrew Jordan**. The Eagles drafted North Carolina's **Na Brown**, East Carolina's **Troy Smith** and Oregon tight end **Jed Weaver** in later rounds in an effort to uncover some depth. The "Help Wanted" sign remains on the lawn.

Duce's running wild

Duce Staley emerged as a 1,000-yard runner in the absence of Watters and the inability of Charlie Garner to produce full-time. Staley got 100 yards in each of the team's last six games, a significant accomplishment on a team where he was also the leading receiver. Moreover, Staley endeared himself to coaches everywhere by not losing a single fumble all season in 315 touches. Fullback **Kevin Turner** is a very good complement to Staley as a blocker and receiver, an important role in Reid's offense.

The Eagles drafted two offensive linemen in the first four rounds, revealing an area of need they have tried to address in the '90s. They finally hit last year in left tackle **Tra Thomas**, the pillar of the line and soon to become McNabb's best friend.

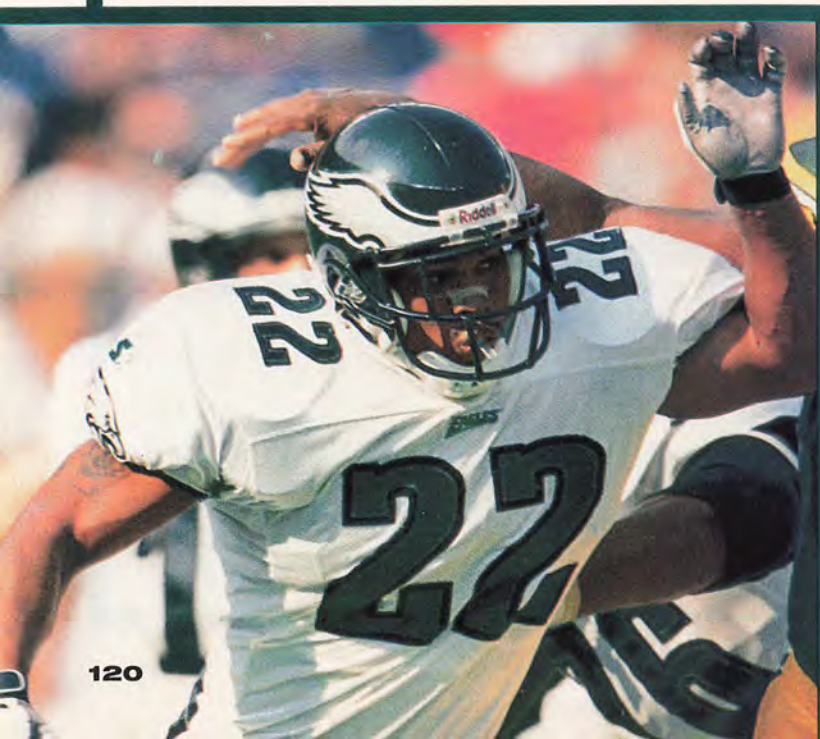
Center **Steve Everitt** finished strong after an early season injury. The rest of the line is open for business. Left guard **Jermame Mayberry**, another former No. 1 draft choice, played better inside than he did at left tackle and will move to right tackle to replace waived Richard Cooper.

Third-round draft choice **Doug Brzezinski** of Boston College is a brawler who will challenge **George Hegamin** for the starting spot at right guard. Fourth-rounder **John Welbourn** can play tackle and could compete on the right side, but Welbourn may be better suited to guard.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

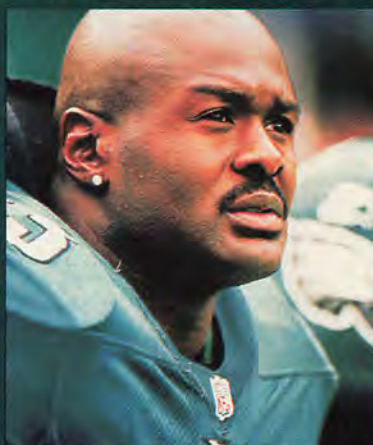
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Rushing	110.9	14
Passing	150.8	30
Scoring	10.1	30
Punt Returns	8.4	24
Kick Returns	22.7	14
Total Defense	321.0	17
Against Rush	151.0	27
Against Pass	170.0	1
Pts Allowed	21.5	19
Interceptions	9	29
Sacks	42	10T
Turnover Diff.	-9	26T



99 EAGLES SCHEDULE

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The return of defensive-end mate Mike Mamula (left) should free up more room for Eagles MVP Hugh Douglas to roam in opposing backfields this season.

Defensively, the Eagles are only slightly better than they were on offense. Stopping the run is a major shortcoming, so they drafted two Big 10 run-stuffers to plug up the middle—Northwestern linebacker **Barry Gardner** and Ohio State safety **Damon Moore**. They also signed New England free agent defensive tackle **Mark Wheeler**.

Hugh Douglas provides an effective outside pass rush from the right side, but he doesn't play the run well. Former first-round end **Mike Mamula** missed the entire season with a knee injury and is expected to return as a situation pass rusher. Starting left end **Greg Jefferson** took over for Mamula and was slowed by ankle and leg injuries.

Inside, **Wheeler** can lend run support and another first-round pick, **Jon Harris**, might get a shot at tackle or end. Tackles **Hollis Thomas** and **Bill Johnson** need to step up.

Gardner is expected to replace **James Willis** at middle linebacker. In the last two years, the Eagles have tried to upgrade the position by drafting **James Darling** and **Jeremiah Trotter**. Outside linebacker **William Thomas** is the last of the Eagles from the 1991 defense that led the league.

Secondary to none

When healthy, cornerbacks **Bobby Taylor** and **Troy Vincent** can be as good as any tandem in the league. But both suffered injuries that cost them significant playing time last season. **Al Harris** played very well for Taylor and will be a valuable member of the secondary this year.

Free safety **Brian Dawkins** was called a "potential Pro Bowler" by Rhodes. Strong safety **Michael Zordich** has seen better days and should be replaced by **Moore**, a big hitter.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Andy Reid, Head Coach

Rod Dowhower, Offensive Coordinator; Jim Johnson, Defensive Coordinator; Tommy Brasher, Defensive Line; Juan Castillo, Offensive Line; Brad Childress, Quarterbacks; Dave Culley, Wide Receivers; John Harbaugh, Special Teams; Tom Melvin, Offensive Assistant/Quality Control; Pat Shurmur, Tight Ends/Offensive Line; Ted Williams, Running Backs; Mike Wolf, Strength and Conditioning

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
18	Pederson, Doug	QB 6-3	215	01/31/68	4	Northeast Louisiana
7	Hoying, Bobby	QB 6-3	221	09/20/72	3	Ohio State
10	Detmer, Koy	QB 6-0	180	07/05/73	1	Colorado

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
77	Cooper, Richard	T 6-5	290	11/01/64	8	Tennessee
66	Crafts, Jerry	G 6-6	351	01/06/68	5	Louisville
61	Everitt, Steve	C 6-5	290	08/21/70	6	Michigan
69	Hegamin, George	T 6-7	331	02/14/73	4	North Carolina State
71	Mayberry, Jermaine	T 6-4	325	08/29/73	3	Texas A&M-Kingsville
68	Unutoa, Morris	C 6-1	284	03/10/71	3	Brigham Young
65	Miller, Bubba	C 6-1	300	01/24/73	2	Tennessee
72	Thomas, Tra	T 6-8	330	11/20/74	1	Florida State

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
34	Turner, Kevin	RB 6-1	231	06/12/69	7	Alabama
27	Bostic, James	RB 5-11	225	03/13/72	1	Auburn
33	Hayden, Aaron	RB 6-0	218	04/13/73	4	Tennessee
22	Staley, Duce	RB 5-11	207	02/27/75	2	South Carolina
29	Walker, Corey	RB 5-10	188	06/04/73	1	Arkansas State
39	Reed, Mike	RB 6-0	215	01/06/75	1	Washington

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
87	Small, Torrance	WR 6-3	201	09/06/70	7	Alcorn State
81	Johnson, Charles	WR 6-0	193	01/03/72	5	Colorado
49	Jordan, Andrew	TE 6-4	254	06/21/72	5	Western Carolina
84	Asher, Jamie	TE 6-3	241	10/31/72	4	Louisville
87	Dunn, Jason	TE 6-4	257	11/15/73	3	Eastern Kentucky
83	Jells, Dietrich	WR 5-10	186	04/11/72	3	Pittsburgh
82	Wilson, Sheddric	WR 6-2	210	11/23/73	1	Louisiana State
83	Smith, Eric	WR 5-11	183	01/05/71	1	Louisiana State
89	Sinceno, Kaseem	TE 6-0	215	03/26/76	1	Syracuse
82	Hankton, Karl	WR 6-2	202	07/24/70	1	Trinity (IL)
85	Fontenot, Chris	TE 6-3	228	07/11/74	1	McNeese State
88	McKenzie, Kevin	WR 5-10	180	09/20/75	0	Washington State

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
97	Hall, Rhett	DT 6-2	276	12/05/68	8	California
94	Johnson, Bill	DT 6-4	300	12/09/68	7	Michigan State
97	Wheeler, Mark	DT 6-3	285	04/01/70	7	Texas A&M
63	Gaines, Wendall	DE 6-4	290	01/17/72	1	Oklahoma State
59	Mamula, Mike	DE 6-4	252	08/14/73	3	Boston College
53	Douglas, Hugh	DE 6-2	270	08/23/71	4	Central State
79	Jefferson, Greg	DE 6-3	257	08/31/71	4	Central Florida
73	Martin, Steve	DT 6-4	292	05/31/74	3	Missouri
78	Thomas, Hollis	DT 6-0	306	01/10/74	3	Northern Illinois
90	Harris, Jon	DE 6-8	258	06/09/74	2	Virginia
74	Jasper, Edward	DT 6-2	295	01/18/73	2	Texas A&M
96	Wallace, Al	DE 6-5	243	03/25/74	2	Maryland
98	Whiting, Brandon	DT 6-3	280	07/30/76	1	California
95	Slay, Henry	DT 6-2	290	04/28/75	1	West Virginia

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
23	Vincent, Troy	CB 6-0	194	06/08/70	7	Wisconsin
21	Taylor, Bobby	CB 6-3	216	12/28/73	4	Notre Dame
20	Dawkins, Brian	S 5-11	190	10/13/73	3	Clemson
21	Cunningham, T.J.	S 6-0	191	10/24/72	1	Colorado
37	Woodson, Sean	S 6-0	214	08/27/74	1	Jackson State
28	Love, Clarence	CB 5-11	181	06/16/75	1	Toledo
25	Rossum, Allen	CB 5-8	179	07/16/74	1	Notre Dame
31	Harris, Al	CB 6-0	185	12/07/74	1	Texas A&M-Kingsville

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
51	Thomas, William	LB 6-2	223	08/13/68	8	Texas A&M
56	Caldwell, Mike	LB 6-2	235	08/31/71	6	Middle Tennessee State
50	Willis, James	LB 6-2	237	09/02/72	6	Auburn
57	Darling, James	LB 6-1	240	12/29/74	2	Washington State
58	Reese, Ike	LB 6-3	222	10/16/73	1	Michigan State
52	Haskins, Jon	LB 6-3	243	10/06/75	1	Stanford
54	Trotter, Jeremiah	LB 6-3	250	01/20/77	1	Stephen F. Austin

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
7	Landeta, Sean	P 6-0	210	01/06/62	14	Towson State
18	Bonioli, Chris	K 5-11	167	12/09/71	5	Louisiana Tech

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	2	McNabb, Donovan	QB	6-3	220	11/25/76	Syracuse
2	35	Gardner, Barry	LB	6-1	245	12/13/76	Northwestern
3	64	Brzezinski, Doug	G	6-5	305	03/11/76	Boston College
4	97	Welbourn, John	G	6-5	315	03/30/76	California
4	128	Moore, Damon	S	5-11	200	09/15/76	Ohio State
4	130	Brown, Na	WR	6-1	190	02/22/77	North Carolina
6	172	Martin, Cecil	RB	6-2	232	07/08/75	Wisconsin
6	201	Smith, Troy	WR	6-3	185	07/30/77	East Carolina
7	208	Weaver, Jed	TE	6-3	245	08/11/76	Oregon
7	251	Davis, Pernell	DT	6-4	305	05/19/76	UAB

1998 FINAL STATS

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DATE	SCORE	
09/06	L 0-38	Seattle
09/13	L 12-17	at Atlanta
09/20	L 3-17	at Arizona
09/27	L 21-24	Kansas City
10/04	L 16-41	at Denver
10/11	W 17-12	Washington
10/18	L 10-13	at San Diego
11/02	L 0-34	Dallas
11/08	W 10-9	Detroit
11/15	L 3-28	at Washington
11/22	L 0-20	at NY Giants
11/29	L 16-24	at Green Bay
12/03	W 17-14	St. Louis
12/13	L 17-20	Arizona
12/20	L 9-13	at Dallas
12/27	L 10-20	NY Giants

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Staley	258	1065	4.1	64	5
Garner	96	381	4.0	40	4
Turner	20	94	4.7	19	0
Hoying	22	84	3.8	11	0
Walker	12	55	4.6	20	0
Fryar	3	46	15.3	32	0
Peete	5	30	6.0	19	1
Detmer	7	20	2.9	8	0
Jells	2	9	4.5	13	0
Hankton	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0
Dunn	1	-5	-5.0	-5	0
Team	427	1775	4.2	64	10
Opponents	528	2416	4.6	64	18

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Staley	57	432	7.6	33	1
Fryar	48	556	11.6	61	2
Graham	47	600	12.8	45	2
Turner	34	232	6.8	18	0
Solomon	21	193	9.2	20	1
Garner	19	110	5.8	21	0
Copeland	18	221	12.3	20	0
Dunn	18	132	7.3	21	0
Fontenot	8	90	11.3	19	0
Sinceno	3	42	14.0	22	1
Jells	2	53	26.5	37	0
Johnson	2	14	7.0	9	0
Jordan	2	9	4.5	8	0
Walker	2	35	17.5	33	0
Miller	1	11	11.0	11	0
Team	282	2730	9.7	61	7
Opponents	249	3001	12.1	59	18

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Hoying	224	114	961	0	9
Detmer	181	97	1011	5	5
Peete	129	71	758	2	4
Team	534	282	2730	7	18
Opponents	449	249	3001	18	9

SACKS

Douglas 12.5, Wallace 6.0, H. Thomas 5.0, Jefferson 4.0, Johnson 2.5, Darling 2.0, W. Thomas 2.0, Whiting 1.5, Caldwell 1.0, Dawkins 1.0, Harris 1.0, Martin 1.0, Rossum 1.0, Vincent 1.0, McTyer 0.5

Team 42.0, Opponents 56.0

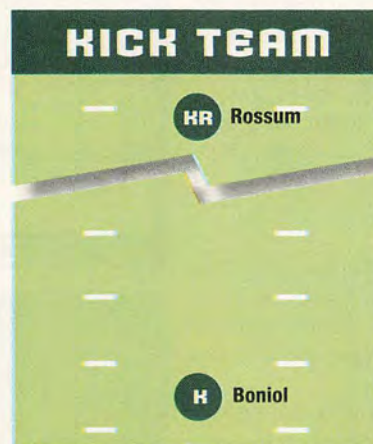
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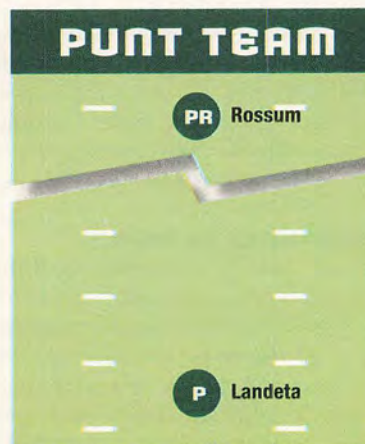
EAGLES ON DEFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM



The Vikes will be a sight on offense, but they can expect strong challenges from the Bays.

by Don Pierson *Chicago Tribune*

All five teams have been to the playoffs over the last five years, four at a time in 1997 and 1994. But the failure of the 15-1 Minnesota Vikings to reach last year's Super Bowl was a disappointment.

Repeating such a season will be difficult for coach Dennis Green's talented Vikings because the Green Bay Packers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers are both eyeing rebounds from letdowns.

Minnesota Vikings

The devastating loss to the Atlanta Falcons in the NFC title game needs to be purged from the memory before the Vikings can resume. The loss of offensive coordinator Brian Billick to Baltimore and the untimely death of successor Chip Myers are extra challenges for Green.

Quarterback Randall Cunningham had a career year last season that will be difficult to repeat at age 36. Jeff George is his new intriguing backup and Green thinks he landed the best of the ballyhooed quarterback crop in Central Florida's big Daunte Culpepper.

The defense needs attention, but getting 30 points a game helps.

Green Bay Packers

Ray Rhodes replaces Mike Holmgren as coach after four years of wheel-spinning in Philadelphia. Players welcome the change from Holmgren's very successful-but-rigid reign. Quarterback Brett Favre also lost another quarterback coach when Andy Reid replaced Rhodes in Philly.

Replacing the retired Reggie White at defensive end and in the locker room might prove to be the toughest trick of all for general manager Ron Wolf, who still figures he has a formidable nucleus to surround Favre. In replacing White, certainly the best the Packers can hope for is to maintain some degree of excellence; they cannot improve upon the best.

Favre could thrive under the direction of holdover offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis, or he could regress without Holmgren's almost overbearing presence as a guiding force in his life.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

One Warren Sapp was enough for rivals to block. Now, coach Tony Dungy has added another

in quick rookie defensive tackle Anthony McFarland. The Bucs already were the second-ranked defense in the league behind San Diego.

The key for the Bucs is the development of Trent Dilfer and how he responds to the addition of second-round pick Shaun King and Baltimore's Eric Zeier. King worked a miracle at Tulane by going 12-0, leaving Dilfer with little room for patience.

Detroit Lions

Coach Bobby Ross wasn't kidding when he said Charlie Batch is his quarterback no matter what. He unloaded Scott Mitchell to Baltimore and added Gus Frerotte as Batch's backup. The main weapons—Barry Sanders and Herman Moore—remain the same.

The Lions think they landed two instant starters in the draft in linebacker Chris Claiborne and huge offensive tackle Aaron Gibson. Sanders can't last forever and neither will Ross.

Chicago Bears

Dick Jauron took over for Dave Wannstedt, whose six-year career ended with back-to-back 4-12 seasons and a bare cupboard of talent. Drafting UCLA quarterback Cade McNown was a start in the right direction.

McNown arrives with a reputation for understanding the game better than most rookie quarterbacks and a track record of turning around losers in high school and college. He'll need to lean on every trick he has in his bag. The Bears also need a big rebound from last year's injured No. 1 pick, Curtis Enis.

The individual who may have the biggest impact in Chicago this season could be new offensive coordinator Gary Crowton, who arrives with a penchant for four- and five-receiver sets after several seasons as head coach at high-scoring Louisiana Tech.

Crowton coached Pittsburgh's first-round pick, receiver Troy Edwards, at the Ruston, La., university last season when Edwards had an unbelievable 140 catches. No one's expecting Curtis Conway or Bobby Engram to put up those kinds of numbers. Whether Crowton can find as many as four good receivers with the Bears is a question to be answered.

Predicted order of finish





Led by Randall and Randy, the Vikings' offensive machine shows no signs of slowing down.

As dean of NFL coaches, Minnesota's Dennis Green has earned the right to be heard. When he hailed the drafting of Randy Moss a year ago, he made good on his promise to unveil the most potent offense in the NFL. So when he calls this year's draft his best ever, the rest of the league needs to take notice.

History to heartbreak

The Vikings are coming off a disappointing 15-1 season, an almost impossible task. After joining the 1984 San Francisco 49ers and 1985 Chicago Bears as history's only 15-1 teams, the Vikings became the first to miss the Super Bowl. Last season was a magical year that disappeared into the night without much explanation for many Viking players. No team ever had scored so many points nor had such a leg up on Super Bowl laurels, having to defeat only Arizona and Atlanta at home to get to the big show. To fall short left a sour taste that Green must somehow wash away before it lingers.

Mr. C's happy days

No quarterback had a better season than Randall Cunningham, who was so good he left no room for Green to return to "Plan A," which was to continue the development of Brad Johnson. Instead of handing the reins back to Johnson, the Vikings traded him to Washington and looked to the future.

At age 36, Cunningham is playing better than ever and better than anyone else last year, hitting 34 touchdown passes and only 10 interceptions. He was cool, calm and collected except for the finish when he couldn't overcome some

questionable play-calling that allowed Atlanta to get back into what looked like a one-team parade to the Super Bowl.

To replace Johnson, the Vikings pulled off two coups. They signed strong-armed Jeff George, who is out of favor much like Cunningham was only three years ago, and they drafted Daunte Culpepper, who was No. 1 on their quarterback board.

Cunningham is Culpepper's idol, setting up a unique opportunity for learning. The Vikings just hope the process doesn't have to be accelerated.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	391.5	2
Rushing	121.0	11
Passing	270.5	1
Scoring	34.8	1
Punt Returns	10.0	19T
Kick Returns	22.9	13
Total Defense	316.6	13
Against Rush	100.9	11
Against Pass	215.8	19
Pts Allowed	18.5	6
Interceptions	19	10T
Sacks	37	19T
Turnover Diff.	+14	2

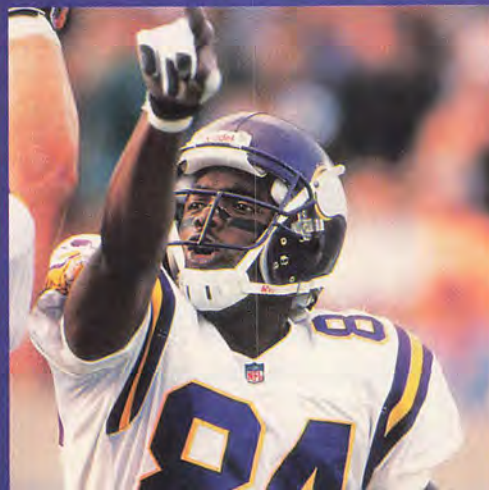
Growing Moss

Cunningham has the advantage of driving a ready-made team, any quarterback's dream. Rookie receiver Moss played like he had been around forever, toying with defenders and begging Cunningham to "just throw it up." The result was a stunning 17 touchdown catches and a 19-yard average. Consistency and durability are the next test for Moss, who sure gave every indication he is more than a one-year wonder.

Moss was helped considerably by the influence of Cris Carter, who also benefited greatly by the presence of Moss. If Jake Reed can return to form after an injury-plagued year and Matthew Hatchette continues to progress, the Vikings will again field the most potent offense in football.

Adding the top tight end prospect in Jim Kleinsasser was important because the Vikings lost blocking back Charles Evans in free agency and need an H-back type like Kleinsasser to take up the slack. The production of running back Robert Smith is in no small part due to Evans' unsung blocking. Smith enjoyed another 1,000-yard

Led by the rushing of Robert Smith (left) and the big-play receiving of Cris Carter (center) and Randy Moss, the Vikings unquestionably have the NFL's most explosive offense.



99 VIKINGS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 11

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17



Defensive tackle John Randle, the Vikings' emotional leader, earned his sixth straight trip to the Pro Bowl in 1998.

season and appears to have finally shaken the major injury bug that haunted his early career. He is one of the league's few backs who is a threat to go the distance each time he touches the ball. Leroy Hoard might be the league's best change-of-pace back.

Kleinsasser will join big tight end target **Andrew Glover** as the Vikings try to make up for the loss of backups Greg DeLong and Hunter Goodwin.

These skill players operate behind the best offensive line in the business—tackles **Todd Steussie** and **Korey Stringer**, guards **Randall McDaniel** and **David Dixon** and center **Jeff Christy**.

The defensive line is a concern after the loss of Derrick Alexander, Jerry Ball and Jason Fisk in free agency. **John Randle** had to play end too much last year and is better suited to tackle, where he will line up next to **Tony Williams**. **Duane Clemons** and **Stalin Colinet** will be the ends.

At linebacker, the Vikings expect middle man **Eddie McDaniel** to return from a knee injury to his productive self. He and weakside backer **Dwayne Rudd** are as quick a pair of tacklers as you can find in the league and defensive coordinator Foge Fazio expects second-year man **Kailee Wong** to replace Dixon Edwards on the other side and fit into the same mold as McDaniel and Rudd.

Hitchcock's partner a mystery

A big question looms in the secondary, where cornerback **Corey Fuller** opted for Cleveland. The Vikings hope they get as lucky with his replacement as they did last year with the addition of **Jimmy Hitchcock**. Second-year man **Ramos McDonald** is the frontrunner. **Robert Griffith** is as good a strong safety as there is in the league. **Orlando Thomas** is the free safety.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Dennis Green, Head Coach

Ray Sherman, Offensive Coordinator; Foge Fazio, Defensive Coordinator; Hubbard Alexander, Wide Receivers; Dave Atkins, Tight Ends; John Kasper, Assistant Strength and Conditioning; Carl Hargrave, Running Backs; Tom Olivadotti, Inside Linebackers; Andre Patterson, Defensive Line; Alex Wood, Quarterbacks; Richard Solomon, Defensive Backs; Mike Tice, Offensive Line; Trent Walters, Outside Linebackers; Steve Wetzel, Strength And Conditioning; Gary Zauner, Special Teams

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
7	Cunningham, R.	QB	6-4	205	03/27/63	3 UNLV
3	George, Jeff	QB	6-4	215	12/08/67	9 Illinois
8	Bouman, Todd	QB	6-2	215	08/01/72	0 St. Cloud State

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
64	McDaniel, Randall	G	6-3	278	12/19/64	11 Arizona State
68	Morris, Mike	C	6-5	276	02/22/61	11 Northeast Missouri State
62	Christy, Jeff	C	6-3	282	02/03/69	6 Pittsburgh
73	Steussie, Todd	T	6-6	309	12/01/70	5 California
71	Dixon, David	G	6-5	348	01/05/69	5 Arizona State
77	Stringer, Korey	T	6-4	353	05/08/74	4 Ohio State
79	Moss, Eric	G	6-4	325	09/25/74	0 Ohio State
60	Lynch, Ben	C	6-3	291	11/18/71	0 California
75	Birk, Matt	T	6-4	285	07/23/76	1 Harvard
76	Liwienski, Chris	T	6-6	304	08/02/75	1 Indiana

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
44	Hoard, Leroy	RB	5-11	225	05/15/68	9 Michigan
26	Smith, Robert	RB	6-2	212	03/04/72	6 Ohio State
22	Palmer, David	RB	5-8	169	11/19/72	5 Alabama
33	Morrow, Harold	RB	5-11	210	02/24/73	3 Auburn

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
80	Carter, Cris	WR	6-3	208	11/25/65	12 Ohio State
86	Reed, Jake	WR	6-3	216	09/28/67	8 Grambling
82	Glover, Andrew	TE	6-6	250	08/12/67	8 Grambling
81	Walsh, Chris	WR	6-1	198	12/12/68	7 Stanford
87	Crumpler, Carlester	TE	6-6	260	09/05/71	5 East Carolina
83	Tate, Robert	WR	5-10	185	10/19/73	2 Cincinnati
89	Hatchette, Matthew	WR	6-2	193	05/01/74	2 Langston (OK)
84	Moss, Randy	WR	6-5	210	02/13/77	1 Marshall

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
93	Randle, John	DT	6-1	282	12/12/67	9 Texas A&M-Kingsville
91	Burrough, John	DE	6-5	275	05/17/72	4 Wyoming
92	Clemons, Duane	DE	6-5	285	05/23/74	3 California
99	Colinet, Stalin	DE	6-6	259	07/19/74	2 Boston College
94	Williams, Tony	DT	6-1	288	07/09/75	2 Memphis
98	Williams, Ben	DE	6-2	282	05/28/70	1 Minnesota

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
24	Griffith, Robert	S	5-11	189	11/30/70	5 San Diego State
37	Hitchcock, Jimmy	CB	5-10	188	11/09/71	4 North Carolina
42	Thomas, Orlando	S	6-1	211	10/21/72	4 Southwestern Louisiana
23	Gray, Torrian	S	6-0	200	03/18/74	2 Virginia Tech
34	McDonald, Ramos	CB	6-0	195	04/30/76	1 New Mexico
38	Bass, Anthony	CB	6-1	192	03/27/75	1 Bethune-Cookman
30	Banks, Antonio	CB	5-10	195	03/12/73	1 Virginia Tech

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
59	Edwards, Dixon	LB	6-1	228	03/25/68	8 Michigan State
57	Miller, Corey	LB	6-2	245	10/25/68	7 South Carolina
58	McDaniel, Ed	LB	5-11	230	02/23/69	6 Clemson
57	Rudd, Dwayne	LB	6-2	245	02/03/76	2 Alabama
52	Wong, Kailee	LB	6-3	268	05/23/76	1 Stanford
53	Mays, Kivuusama	LB	6-4	245	01/07/75	1 North Carolina

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
1	Anderson, Gary	K	5-11	178	07/16/59	17 Syracuse
17	Berger, Mitch	P	6-2	220	06/24/72	4 Colorado

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	11	Culpepper, Daunte	QB	6-4	240	01/28/77	Central Florida
1	29	Underwood, Dimitrios	DE	6-7	272	03/29/77	Michigan State
2	44	Kleinsasser, Jim	TE	6-4	282	01/31/77	North Dakota
4	120	Wright, Kenny	CB	6-2	208	09/14/77	Northwestern State
4	125	Humphrey, Jay	T	6-7	300	06/20/76	Texas
5	169	Jones, Chris	LB	6-0	225	09/30/76	Clemson
6	185	Sawyer, Talance	DE	6-2	275	06/14/76	UNLV
6	199	Dalton, Antico	LB	6-2	255	—	Hampton
7	236	Scarlett, Noel	DT	6-0	200	—	Langston

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 15, Lost 1

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 31-7	Tampa Bay
09/13	W 38-31	at St. Louis
09/20	W 29-6	Detroit
09/27	W 31-28	at Chicago
10/05	W 37-24	at Green Bay
10/18	W 41-7	Washington
10/25	W 34-13	at Detroit
11/01	L 24-27	at Tampa Bay
11/08	W 31-24	New Orleans
11/15	W 24-3	Cincinnati
11/22	W 28-14	Green Bay
11/26	W 46-36	at Dallas
12/06	W 48-22	Chicago
12/13	W 38-28	at Baltimore
12/20	W 50-10	Jacksonville
12/26	W 26-16	at Tennessee

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Smith	249	1187	4.8	74	6
Hoard	115	479	4.2	50	9
Cunningham	32	132	4.1	22	1
Evans	23	67	2.9	12	1
Palmer	10	52	5.2	15	0
Johnson	12	15	1.3	6	0
Morrow	3	7	2.3	8	0
Moss	1	4	4.0	4	0
Carter	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Fiedler	4	-6	-1.5	-1	0

Team	450	1936	4.3	74	17
Opponents	404	1614	4.0	50	12

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Carter	78	1011	13.0	54	12
Moss	69	1313	19.0	61	17
Glover	35	522	14.9	36	5
Reed	34	474	13.9	56	4
Smith	28	291	10.4	67	2
Hoard	22	198	9.0	24	1
Palmer	18	185	10.3	33	0
Hatchette	15	216	14.4	25	0
Evans	12	84	7.0	14	0
DeLong	8	58	7.3	17	0
Goodwin	3	16	5.3	9	0
Walsh	2	46	23.0	25	0
Cunningham	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
Tate	1	17	17.0	17	0
Williams	1	64	64.0	64	0

Team	327	4492	13.7	67	41
Opponents	320	3699	11.6	80	17

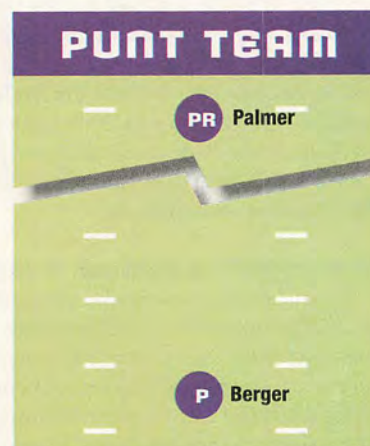
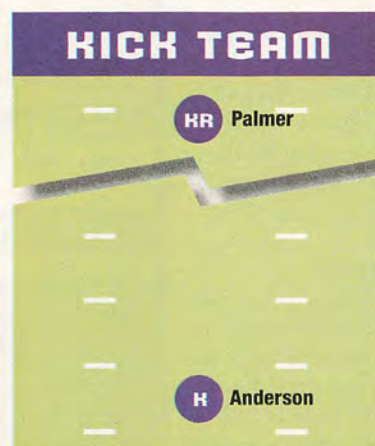
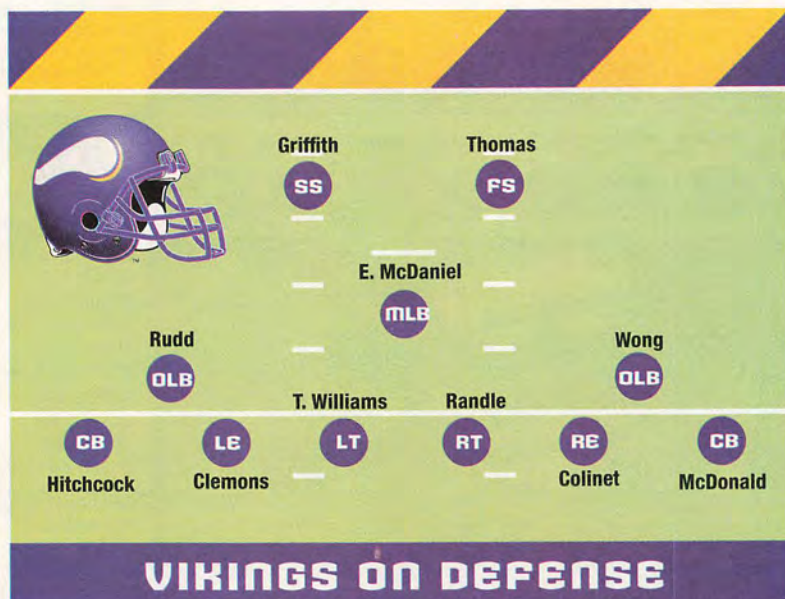
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Cunningham	425	259	3704	34	10
Johnson	101	65	747	7	5
Fiedler	7	3	41	0	1

SACKS

Randle 10.5, Alexander 7.5, McDaniel 7.0, Clemons 2.5, Rudd 2.0, Fisk 1.5, Wong 1.5, Colinet 1.0, Fuller 1.0, Gray 1.0, Williams 1.0, Thomas 0.5

Team 38.0, Opponents 25.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS



GREEN BAY PACKERS



With Holmgren in Seattle, Packers look for different Rhodes back to the Super Bowl.

Ray Rhodes is back. Mike Holmgren is gone. So is Reggie White. Brett Favre isn't going anywhere. The Packers remain the same, one of the few football teams good enough to advertise itself as a legitimate Super Bowl contender before the season starts. Under general manager Ron Wolf, the Packers have built themselves into a franchise that expects to win, just as the San Francisco 49ers have done for so long.

After a failed tenure in Philadelphia that started with playoff promise, Rhodes returns to the team he coached as defensive coordinator under Holmgren. Many of the players know him and respect him and are looking forward to the change. It wasn't that they didn't respect or thrive under Holmgren; his controlling style produced outstanding results on the field but also left some players feeling uptight. Safety **LeRoy Butler** says the switch to a more user-friendly Rhodes will also pay dividends.

The retirement of White poses a more tangible problem for Rhodes and defensive coordinator Emmitt Thomas to solve. They think they have a leg up with the switch of last year's rookie standout, **Vonnie Holliday**, to White's left side. But filling the shoes of the world's greatest defensive lineman always is going to leave room for debate.

Favre and away

Wolf thinks Favre can indeed improve. The three-time league MVP turns 30, which means he is entering his prime. How he reacts to the absence of Holmgren is a key to the Packer chances.

Favre can only add to his own record of passing for 30 or more touchdowns five seasons in a row. To assure his place among the upper echelon of history's best quarterbacks, Favre would like to win another title.

For years Favre has excelled despite constant change and injury to his receiving corps. This year,

there is more concern than ever that the well is drying up. Top target **Antonio Freeman** spent the offseason looking for a blockbuster contract, and the Pack doesn't have much of a supporting cast besides him. **Robert Brooks** looks beat up from back and leg injuries. The Packers added free agent prospect **Jahine Arnold** and spent late-round choices on receiving prospects **Dee Miller** and **Donald Driver**, but will look to improve this vital area.

Tight end **Mark Chmura** remains a favorite target for Favre and **Tyrone Davis** is one of the most productive pass-catching backup tight ends in the league. No other team uses its tight ends more effectively than the Packers.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	352.3	5
Rushing	95.4	25
Passing	256.9	3
Scoring	25.5	6
Punt Returns	8.6	22T
Kick Returns	25.8	1
Total Defense	281.7	4
Against Rush	90.1	4
Against Pass	191.6	10
Pts Allowed	19.9	11
Interceptions	13	21T
Sacks	50	3T
Turnover Diff.	-11	28

Dorsey's swing

Dorsey Levens remains the feature back of an offense that has learned to rely more and more on a powerful running game. Without Levens slashing and catching and giving Favre's arm a welcome respite, the Packers are just another run-and-shoot bunch of pretenders. Levens and big fullback **William Henderson** lend strength and flexibility to Lewis' offense and

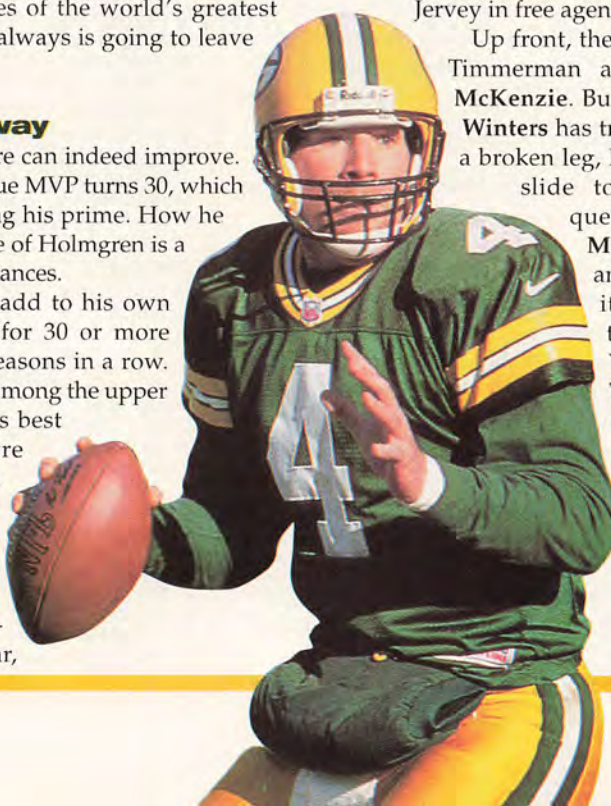
are especially valuable when the weather turns nasty. Losing backups **Darick Holmes** and **Travis Jervey** in free agency will hurt.

Up front, the Packers replaced **Adam Timmerman** at guard with **Raleigh McKenzie**. But if veteran center **Frank Winters** has trouble coming back from a broken leg, McKenzie might have to slide to the middle, leaving question marks at guard.

Marco Rivera, **Joe Andruzzi** and **Mike Wahle** will fight it out at left guard. At the tackle spots are **Ross Verba** and **Earl Dotson**. The Packers need Verba to establish the kind of consistency on the left side that Dotson provides on the right.

The durable Favre has 109 consecutive starts, second only to Ron Jaworski on the NFL's all-time list.

Favre's favorite target is Mark Chmura (top), but he has come to rely more on Levens' rushing.



99 PACKERS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 4

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17



Franchise free agent Antonio Freeman made the Pro Bowl last season after leading the NFL with 1,424 receiving yards.

'Holliday' greetings

With Holliday shifting from right end to left end, the Packers are hoping the right side can be handled by light pass rusher Keith McKenzie. Vaughn Booker also is a factor on either end and second-year player Jonathan Brown will get a shot to show what he can do. Inside, Gilbert Brown is looking to rebound from a down year last season, but may be past his prime. He still takes on more than his share of double teams, which helps Santana Dotson.

The linebacking trio of Bernardo Harris, Brian Williams and George Koonce remains intact.

Peace offering

The Packers made defensive backs their first, second and third draft choices, as if to make a peace offering to Rhodes and defensive coordinator Emmitt Thomas, both former defensive backs. Antuan Edwards, Fred Vinson and Mike McKenzie all have potential balanced by questions. Rhodes figures between him and Thomas, they can teach whatever needs to be learned.

Tough Craig Newsome struggled at corner coming off a knee injury. He lines up opposite Tyrone Williams. Neither one proved capable of handling Minnesota's big receivers. That means Edwards or free safety Darren Sharper might step in at cornerback in a revamped secondary where only Pro Bowl safety Butler is a lock.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Ray Rhodes, Head Coach

Sherman Lewis, Offensive Coordinator; Emmitt Thomas, Defensive Coordinator; Larry Beightol, Offensive Line; Johnny Holland, Linebackers; Chuck Knox, Jr., Defensive Assistant/Quality Control; Harry Sydney, Running Backs; Mike Trgovac, Defensive Line; Joe Vitt, Defensive Backs; Ken Zampese, Offensive Assistant/Quality Control

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
4	Favre, Brett	QB 6-2	225	10/10/69	8	Southern Mississippi
12	Mirer, Rick	QB 6-2	214	03/19/70	5	Notre Dame

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
76	Davis, Antone	T 6-4	330	02/28/67	7	Tennessee
63	McKenzie, Raleigh	C 6-2	283	02/08/63	14	Tennessee
52	Winters, Frank	C 6-3	295	01/23/64	12	Western Illinois
72	Dotson, Earl	T 6-4	315	12/17/70	6	Texas A&M-Kingsville
77	Michels, John	T 6-7	290	03/19/73	2	Southern California
58	Flanagan, Mike	C 6-5	290	11/10/73	1	UCLA
62	Rivera, Marco	G 6-4	295	04/26/72	2	Penn State
60	Davis, Robert	C 6-3	271	12/10/68	3	Shippensburg
78	Verba, Ross	T 6-4	295	10/31/73	2	Iowa
70	Andruzzi, Joe	G 6-3	310	08/23/75	1	S. Connecticut State
68	Wahle, Mike	G 6-5	261	03/29/77	1	Navy

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
25	Levens, Dorsey	RB 6-1	235	05/21/70	5	Georgia Tech
33	Henderson, William	RB 6-1	248	02/19/71	4	North Carolina
31	Moss, Brent	RB 5-8	211	01/30/72	1	Wisconsin
48	Kitts, Jim	RB 6-2	243	12/28/72	2	Ferrum

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
87	Brooks, Robert	WR 6-0	180	06/23/70	7	South Carolina
83	Thomason, Jeff	TE 6-5	250	12/30/69	6	Oregon
89	Chmura, Mark	TE 6-5	250	02/22/69	6	Boston College
88	Lewis, Roderick	TE 6-5	254	06/09/71	4	Arizona
84	Schroeder, Bill	WR 6-2	198	01/09/71	2	Wisconsin-La Crosse
81	Davis, Tyrone	TE 6-4	255	06/30/72	4	Virginia
88	Preston, Roell	WR 5-10	185	06/23/72	4	Mississippi
86	Freeman, Antonio	WR 6-1	190	05/27/72	4	Virginia Tech
80	Mayes, Derrick	WR 6-0	200	01/28/74	3	Notre Dame
80	Arnold, Jahine	WR 6-0	187	06/19/73	2	Fresno State
82	Manning, Brian	WR 5-11	187	04/22/75	2	Stanford
85	Bradford, Corey	WR 6-2	187	12/08/75	1	Jackson State
	Palmer, Pat	WR 6-2	181	07/13/75	0	Northwestern State

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
71	Dotson, Santana	DT 6-5	285	12/19/69	7	Baylor
93	Brown, Gilbert	NT 6-2	325	02/22/71	6	Kansas
94	Nottage, Dexter	DE 6-4	291	11/14/70	4	Florida A&M
96	Booker, Vaughn	DT 6-5	295	02/24/68	5	Cincinnati
95	McKenzie, Keith	DE 6-3	242	10/17/73	3	Ball State
63	Ivey, Pat	DE 6-4	255	12/27/72	0	Missouri
90	Holliday, Vonnice	DE 6-5	292	05/20/76	1	North Carolina
91	Brown, Jonathan	DE 6-4	245	11/28/75	1	Tennessee
97	Lyon, Billy	DT 6-5	295	12/10/73	1	Marshall

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
36	Butler, LeRoy	S 6-0	200	07/19/68	9	Florida State
21	Newsome, Craig	CB 6-0	190	08/10/71	4	Arizona State
37	Williams, Tyrone	CB 5-11	195	05/31/73	3	Nebraska
42	Sharper, Darren	S 6-3	215	11/03/75	2	William & Mary
28	Mosley, Denorse	CB 6-1	180	02/15/75	0	Edinboro
45	Cooks, Kerry	S 6-0	200	03/28/74	1	Iowa
43	McGarrahan, Scott	S 6-1	199	02/12/74	1	New Mexico

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
53	Koonce, George	LB 6-1	243	10/15/68	7	East Carolina
57	London, Antonio	LB 6-2	234	04/14/71	6	Alabama
51	Williams, Brian	LB 6-1	235	12/17/72	4	Southern California
55	Harris, Bernardo	LB 6-2	243	10/15/71	4	North Carolina
59	Carter, Daryl	LB 6-2	222	02/24/75	1	Wisconsin
50	Nelson, Jim	LB 6-1	235	04/16/75	0	Penn State

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
8	Longwell, Ryan	K 5-11	185	08/16/74	2	California
10	Brice, Will	P 6-4	227	10/24/74	1	Virginia

*roster as of May 14

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RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	25	Edwards, Antwan	CB	6-1	210	05/26/77	Clemson
2	47	Vinson, Fred	CB	5-11	178	04/02/77	Vanderbilt
3	87	McKenzie, Mike	S	6-1	190	04/26/76	Memphis
3	94	Hunt, Cletidus	DT	6-6	280	—	Kentucky State
4	131	Brooks, Aaron	QB	6-4	198	03/24/76	Virginia
4	133	Bidwell, Josh	P	6-3	230	03/13/76	Oregon
5	159	Parker, De'Mond	RB	5-10	180	12/24/76	Oklahoma
5	163	Heimbürger, Craig	G	6-3	331	02/03/77	Missouri
6	196	Miller, Dee	WR	6-1	200	12/04/75	Ohio State
6	203	Curry, Scott	T	6-5	285	12/25/75	Montana
7	212	Akins, Chris	S	6-0	201	—	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
7	213	Driver, Donald	WR	6-0	185	02/02/75	Alcorn State

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 11, Lost 5

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 38-19	Detroit
09/13	W 23-15	Tampa Bay
09/20	W 13-6	at Cincinnati
09/27	W 37-30	at Carolina
10/05	L 24-37	Minnesota
10/15	L 20-27	at Detroit
10/25	W 28-10	Baltimore
11/01	W 36-22	San Francisco
11/09	L 20-27	at Pittsburgh
11/15	W 37-3	at NY Giants
11/22	L 14-28	at Minnesota
11/29	W 24-16	Philadelphia
12/07	L 22-24	at Tampa Bay
12/13	W 26-20	Chicago
12/20	W 30-22	Tennessee
12/27	W 16-13	at Chicago

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Holmes	93	386	4.2	13	1
Levens	115	378	3.3	50	1
Jervey	83	325	3.9	16	1
Harris	79	228	2.9	14	1
Favre	40	133	3.3	35	1
Henderson	23	70	3.0	9	2
Freeman	3	5	1.7	10	0
Blair	2	3	1.5	2	0
Brooks	1	2	2.0	2	0
Pederson	8	-4	-0.5	1	0
Team	447	1526	3.4	50	7
Opponents	390	1442	3.7	73	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Freeman	84	1424	17.0	84	14
Chmura	47	554	11.8	25	4
Henderson	37	241	6.5	15	1
Brooks	31	420	13.5	30	3
Schroeder	31	452	14.6	46	1
Mayes	30	394	13.1	33	3
Levens	27	162	6.0	17	0
Holmes	19	179	9.4	24	0
Davis	18	250	13.9	60	7
Harris	10	68	6.8	12	0
Jervey	9	33	3.7	11	0
Thomason	9	89	9.9	22	0
Bradford	3	27	9.0	18	0
Blair	2	13	6.5	10	0
Copeland	2	11	5.5	12	0
Preston	2	23	11.5	13	0
Team	361	4340	12.0	84	33
Opponents	296	3401	11.5	68	23

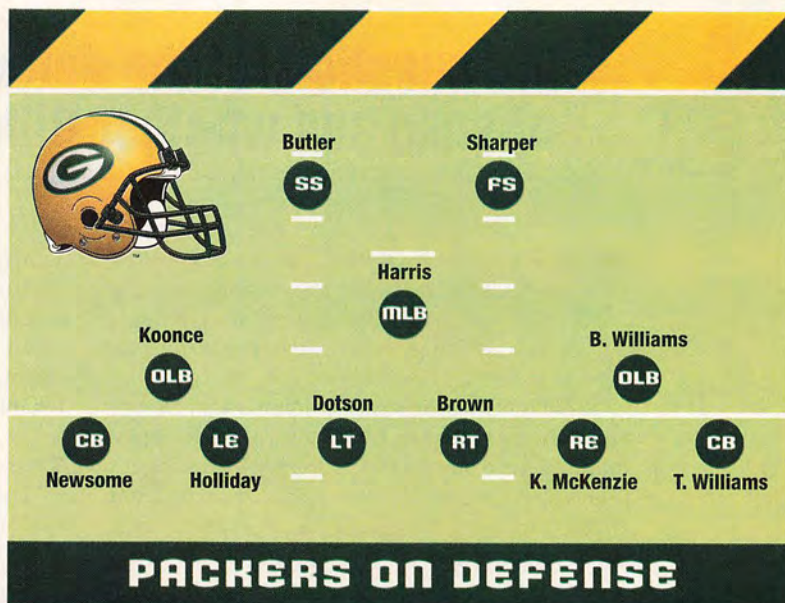
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Favre	551	347	4212	31	23
Pederson	24	14	128	2	0
Team	575	361	4340	33	23
Opponents	540	296	3401	23	13

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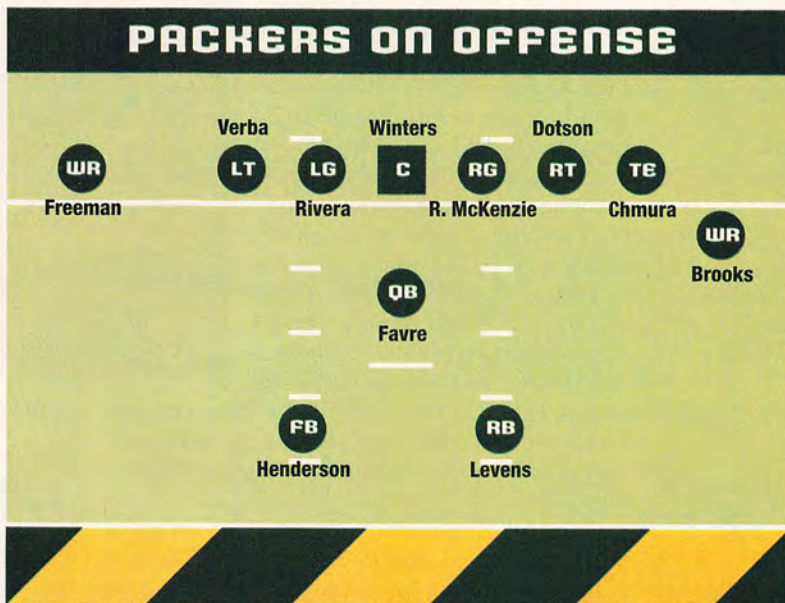
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Team 50.0, Opponents 39.0

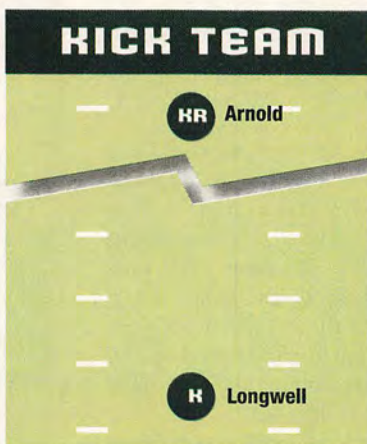
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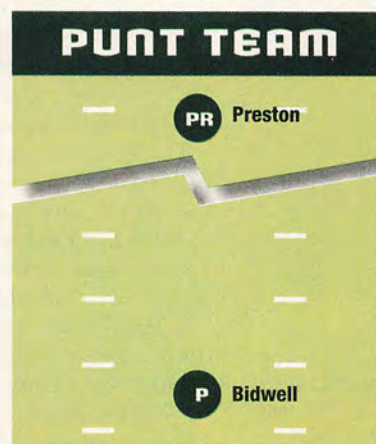
PACKERS ON DEFENSE



PACKERS ON OFFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM



The question for the defense-laden Bucs is offense and whether Dilfer can provide it.

The Buccaneers settled into the blahs of an 8-8 season last year after impressing the NFL with a 10-6 playoff team two years ago. But coach Tony Dungy believes he still has the Bucs headed in the right direction.

What the Bucs are steadily doing under Dungy and general manager Rich McKay is building a foundation to support a quarterback who hasn't been able to get the job done by himself. For **Trent Dilfer** and many long-suffering Buccaneer fans, every year is a crisis.

The Dilfer Dilemma

The drafting of St. Petersburg native **Shaun King** in the second round sends a clear signal that the Bucs are zeroing in on Dilfer after years of trying to surround him with more talent and unfailing loyalty. Fans would argue it's about time, ignoring Dilfer's improvement from one touchdown pass his first season to four to 12 to 21 the last two years.

Dungy would like to see Dilfer complete closer to 60 percent than 50 percent of his passes. Fans would simply like to see him win more games. They don't care if he throws 30 touchdown passes like Green Bay's Brett Favre or 12 like Dallas' Troy Aikman, they just think it's time for Dilfer to win games.

Part of the frustration comes from an offensive philosophy geared more toward not losing. Dungy's defense is usually so good and his team and strategies so fundamentally sound that Dilfer is asked primarily not to lose games. Sometimes, it's a tougher assignment than going all-out to win. All the Bucs know is they saw former Bucs Steve Young, Vinny Testaverde and Chris Chandler in the Pro Bowl last year.

Dungy seeks more consistency; fans would like to see more imagination from offensive coordinator Mike Shula. More points would help, and the Bucs addressed that concern in typically sound but conservative fashion—by drafting the best placekicker available, **Martin Gramatica**.

King will be a popular thorn in Dilfer's side. The local kid guided Tulane to an unheard of 12-0 record. The addition of **Eric Zeier** will increase the urgency for Dilfer.

It will help if last year's expensive free agent receiver, **Bert Emanuel**, can stay healthy. His

Tampa debut was ruined by injury and an appalling 13 dropped passes when he did play. On the plus side, **Reidel Anthony** looks like he is emerging into a go-to receiver. At tight end, **Dave Moore** will be starting his second season and has emerged as a reliable receiver.

Thunder and lightning

The thunder-and-lightning backfield of **Mike Alstott** and **Warrick Dunn** remains the backbone of the Buc offense. The inside-outside ability of both players should be the springboard for a dangerous passing attack.

The Bucs wanted to address their offensive line in the draft, but didn't get around to it until seventh-rounder **Robert Hunt**. That means they must rely again on a solid and healthy season from left tackle **Paul Gruber** and center **Tony Mayberry**. The two stalwarts are crucial to the team's offensive hopes.

If third-year right tackle **Jerry Wunsch** can push starter **Jason Odom**, the Bucs could let Odom spell Gruber on the left side. **Jorge Diaz** and **Frank Middleton** are the

starting guards.

With the addition LSU rookie Anthony McFarland, defensive end Warren Sapp (below) should offer an even larger menace to NFL quarterbacks in 1999.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	297.1	22
Rushing	134.2	4
Passing	162.9	27
Scoring	19.6	18
Punt Returns	13.6	2
Kick Returns	23.7	10
Total Defense	271.6	2
Against Rush	98.9	8
Against Pass	172.6	2
Pts Allowed	18.4	5
Interceptions	12	26T
Sacks	37	19T
Turnover Diff.	-5	21



The Bucs hope the presence of Zeier and rookie Shaun King will inspire Trent Dilfer (above).



LEFT TO RIGHT: ROSS F. DETTMAN; JAMES D. SMITH

99 BUCCANEERS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 6

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
								
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17	
								



Cat-like Warrick Dunn (left) and bruising Mike Alstott have developed into one of the premier rushing tandems in the NFL. What's more, they're both young.

Fearsome Foursome II

Drafting defensive tackle Anthony McFarland of LSU No. 1 was a case of the Bucs not being able to help themselves. Dungy and defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin boast the No. 2 defense in the league, first in the NFC. Defensive tackles Warren Sapp and Brad Culpepper are both Pro Bowl-caliber players. Yet McFarland was simply too good to pass up.

This means trouble for rival offenses who couldn't compete with the quickness of the Bucs' front. Assuming end Chidi Ahanotu comes back strong from a shoulder injury and Regan Upshaw continues to improve, backed by promising Tyoka Jackson and productive Steve White, the Bucs could field the most feared front four in the league.

Hardy's Boys

The return of middle linebacker Hardy Nickerson from pericarditis also is expected. He missed the final six games and still made the Pro Bowl and says he's in the best shape of his life. Fellow Pro Bowl player Derrick Brooks led the team in tackles. Jamie Duncan played so well in Nickerson's absence that he could challenge Jeff Gooch at the other outside backer spot.

The secondary benefits from the front seven, but Dungy was disappointed in the takeaways, including only 12 interceptions. The development of Ronde Barber at cornerback was encouraging, giving the Bucs a solid young corner combination with Donnie Abraham. Second-year safety Damien Robinson, coming off injury, will replace Charles Mincy opposite strong safety and enforcer John Lynch.

Gramatica will replace Michael Husted, with Tommy Barnhardt expected back to punt.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Tony Dungy, Head Coach

Herman Edwards, Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Backs; Mike Shula, Offensive Coordinator; Monte Kiffin, Defensive Coordinator; Mark Asanovich, Strength and Conditioning; Clyde Christensen, Tight Ends; Chris Foerster, Offensive Line; Joe Marciano, Special Teams; Rod Marinelli, Defensive Line; Tony Nathan, Running Backs; Kevin O'Dea, Defensive Assistant; Ricky Thomas, Offensive Assistant; Charlie Williams, Wide Receivers

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
12	Dilfer, Trent	QB	6-4	235	03/13/72	5 Fresno State
10	Zeier, Eric	QB	6-0	205	09/06/72	4 Georgia

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
74	Gruber, Paul	T	6-5	296	02/24/65	11 Wisconsin
61	Mayberry, Tony	C	6-4	292	12/08/67	9 Wake Forest
69	Pierson, Pete	T	6-5	295	02/04/71	5 Washington
70	Odom, Jason	T	6-5	296	03/31/74	3 Florida
64	Diaz, Jorge	G	6-4	295	11/15/73	3 Texas A&M-Kingsville
65	Dogins, Kevin	C	6-1	290	12/07/72	2 Texas A&M-Kingsville
71	Wunsch, Jerry	T	6-6	325	01/21/74	2 Wisconsin
73	Middleton, Frank	G	6-3	320	10/25/74	2 Arizona
75	Washington, Todd	C	6-3	308	07/19/76	1 Virginia Tech

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
40	Alstott, Mike	RB	6-1	244	12/21/73	3 Purdue
28	Dunn, Warrick	RB	5-8	180	01/05/75	2 Florida State
	McLeod, Kevin	RB	6-1	234	10/17/74	0 Auburn
26	Abdullah, Rahih	RB	6-1	218	04/27/75	0 Lehigh

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
83	Moore, Dave	TE	6-2	248	11/11/69	7 Pittsburgh
87	Emanuel, Bert	WR	5-10	180	10/27/70	5 Rice
80	Davis, John	TE	6-4	257	05/14/73	2 Emporia State
86	Williams, Karl	WR	5-10	163	04/10/71	3 Texas A&M-Kingsville
18	Bland, Tony	WR	6-3	210	12/12/72	2 Florida A&M
85	Anthony, Reidel	WR	6-0	185	10/20/76	2 Florida
82	Hape, Patrick	TE	6-4	256	06/06/74	2 Alabama
88	Hunter, Brice	WR	6-0	211	04/21/74	2 Georgia
81	Green, Jacques	WR	5-9	168	01/15/76	1 Florida

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
77	Culpepper, Brad	DT	6-1	275	05/08/69	7 Florida
72	Ahanotu, Chidi	DE	6-2	283	10/11/70	6 California
97	Jackson, Tyoka	DE	6-2	266	11/22/71	4 Penn State
99	Sapp, Warren	DT	6-2	288	12/19/72	4 Miami (FL)
78	Jones, Marcus	DT	6-6	282	08/15/73	3 North Carolina
91	Upshaw, Regan	DE	6-4	264	08/12/75	3 California
96	Mix, Bryant	DT	6-3	301	07/28/72	2 Alcorn State
90	Maniecki, Jason	DT	6-4	295	08/15/72	3 Wisconsin
94	White, Steve	DE	6-2	246	10/25/73	3 Tennessee
98	Cannida, James	DT	6-2	280	01/03/75	1 Nevada

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
47	Lynch, John	S	6-2	210	09/25/71	6 Stanford
21	Abraham, Donnie	CB	5-10	181	10/08/73	3 East Tennessee State
20	Barber, Ronde	CB	5-10	180	04/07/75	2 Virginia
24	Robinson, Damien	S	6-1	213	12/22/73	1 Iowa
47	Emanuel, Charles	S	6-0	196	06/03/73	1 West Virginia
31	Young, Floyd	CB	6-0	175	11/23/75	2 Texas A&M-Kingsville
25	Kelly, Brian	CB	6-1	190	01/14/76	1 Southern California
29	Smith, Shevin	S	6-0	191	06/17/75	1 Florida State
33	Vance, Eric	S	6-2	215	07/14/75	1 Vanderbilt

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
56	Nickerson, Hardy	LB	6-2	233	09/01/65	12 California
55	Brooks, Derrick	LB	6-0	231	04/18/73	4 Florida State
50	Gooch, Jeff	LB	5-11	218	10/31/74	3 Austin Peay
58	Davis, Don	LB	6-1	240	12/17/72	3 Kansas
51	Singleton, A.	LB	6-2	228	08/07/75	2 Temple
53	Quarles, Shelton	LB	6-1	236	09/11/71	2 Vanderbilt
59	Duncan, Jamie	LB	6-1	235	07/20/75	1 Vanderbilt
54	Palmer, Mitch	LB	6-4	245	09/02/73	1 Colorado State

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
6	Barnhardt, Tommy	P	6-2	207	06/11/63	11 North Carolina
5	Husted, Michael	K	6-0	195	06/16/70	5 Virginia

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	15	McFarland, Anthony	DT	6-1	290	12/17/78	LSU
2	50	King, Shaun	QB	6-0	201	05/29/77	Tulane
3	80	Gramatica, Martin	K	5-9	170	11/27/75	Kansas State
4	113	Jackson, Dexter	S	6-1	195	07/28/77	Florida State
5	150	McLaughlin, John	DE	6-4	240	11/13/75	California
6	195	Glenn, Lamar	RB	6-1	240	12/11/75	Florida State
7	226	Hunt, Robert	G	6-3	288	07/22/75	Virginia
7	233	Denson, Autry	LB	5-10	200	12/08/76	Notre Dame
7	240	McDonald, Darnell	WR	6-3	195	05/26/76	Kansas State

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 8, Lost 8

DATE	SCORE		
09/06	L 7-31	at Minnesota	
09/13	L 15-23	at Green Bay	
09/20	W 27-15	Chicago	
09/28	L 6-27	at Detroit	
10/04	W 20-3	NY Giants	
10/18	W 16-13	Carolina	
10/25	L 3-9	at New Orleans	
11/01	W 27-24	Minnesota	
11/08	L 22-31	Tennessee	
11/15	L 24-29	at Jacksonville	
11/22	L 25-28	Detroit	
11/29	W 31-17	at Chicago	
12/07	W 24-22	Green Bay	
12/13	W 16-3	Pittsburgh	
12/19	L 16-20	at Washington	
12/27	W 35-0	at Cincinnati	

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Dunn	245	1026	4.2	50	2
Alstott	215	846	3.9	37	8
Dilfer	40	141	3.5	17	2
Anthony	4	43	10.8	32	0
Neal	5	25	5.0	12	0
Ellison	9	24	2.7	10	0
Husted	1	20	20.0	20	0
Green	3	12	4.0	18	0
Emanuel	1	11	11.0	11	0
Team	523	2148	4.1	50	12
Opponents	415	1583	3.8	71	12

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Anthony	51	708	13.9	79	7
Dunn	44	344	7.8	31	0
Emanuel	41	636	15.5	62	2
Moore	24	255	10.6	44	4
Alstott	22	152	6.9	26	1
Williams	21	252	12.0	29	1
Green	14	251	17.9	64	2
Neal	5	14	2.8	5	1
Hape	4	27	6.8	11	0
Hunter	4	73	18.3	45	1
Davis	2	12	6.0	11	1
Thomas	2	63	31.5	50	1

Team	234	2787	11.9	79	21
Opponents	274	3014	11.0	61	15

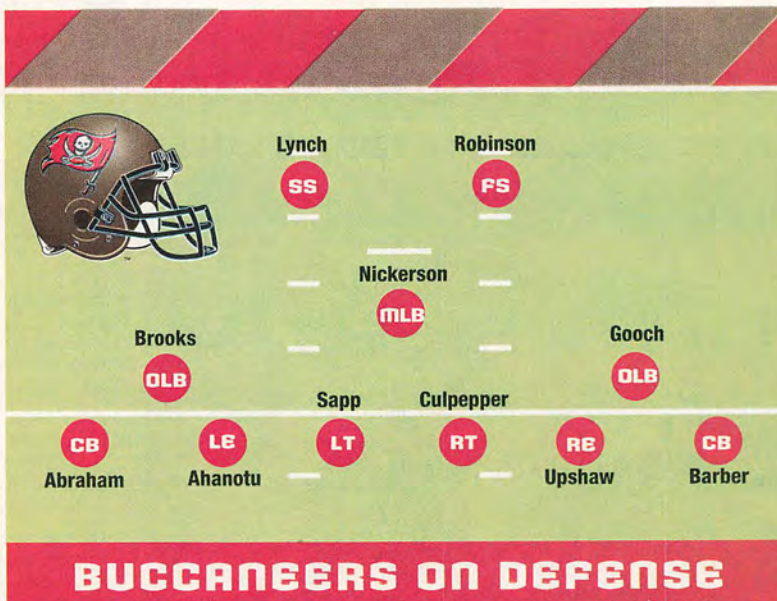
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Dilfer	429	225	2729	21	15
Walsh	19	9	58	0	3
Alstott	1	0	0	0	0
Team	449	234	2787	21	18
Opponents	473	274	3014	15	12

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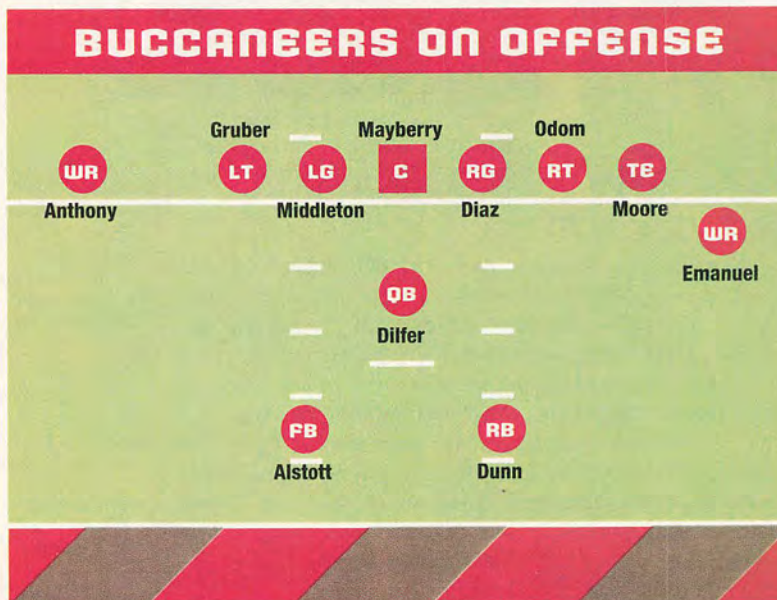
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Team 37.0, Opponents 28.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS



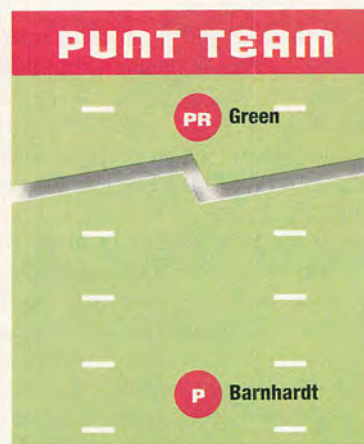
BUCCANEERS ON DEFENSE



BUCCANEERS ON OFFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM



Leveraging Sanders' talents into wins continues to be Detroit's biggest unsolved mystery.



The efficient Johnnie Morton had 69 catches for a team-high 1,028 yards receiving in '98.

Defensive end Robert Porcher is coming off his third straight double-digit sack season.

Time is no longer on the side of the Detroit Lions. It is gaining ever so slowly on Barry Sanders, now in his 11th season. It is quickly catching coach Bobby Ross, only in his third year. It can't wait for quarterback Charlie Batch, starting his first full season after replacing Scott Mitchell in game three last year.

The Lions slid from the playoffs to a disappointing 5-11 and if they don't bounce back, they get one year closer to discovering life without the most exciting player in the game. This is the year Sanders will surpass Walter Payton as the most prolific running back in history, provided he can enjoy another average season of production. With a weapon like that, it remains baffling why the Lions aren't perennial Super Bowl contenders.

Draft provides immediate help

Ecstatic over their draft, which yielded two instant starters in linebacker Chris Claiborne and offensive lineman Aaron Gibson, the Lions have every reason to be optimistic about a comeback. But so much depends on the young Batch that any projections are shaky. If he continues to build on the promise he flashed at times as a precocious rookie, look out. But if defenses begin to get a handle on him and the pressure

begins to wear on him as it did on Mitchell, look out below.

The Lions brought in Gus Frerotte from Washington to back up Batch, but if he has to play, it means things are sputtering again in the Motor City. Batch finished the season on injured reserve with a compression fracture in his lower back. He spent much of his playing time trying to learn to slide. If he doesn't decide to leave the running to Sanders, it could be another shortened season. He finished his year by throwing his last 136 passes without an interception.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	317.8	14
Rushing	122.2	10
Passing	195.6	19
Scoring	19.1	20T
Punt Returns	5.9	30
Kick Returns	25.0	3
Total Defense	319.8	15
Against Rush	131.4	25
Against Pass	188.4	8
Pts Allowed	23.6	24T
Interceptions	12	26T
Sacks	42	10T
Turnover Diff.	-4	20

The Barry barrier

While Sanders is advertised as a quarterback's dream and offensive coordinator's best friend because of his ability to score on any and every play, he also can pose problems for an offense that critics fail to notice. Nobody strikes more fear in a defense's heart than Sanders, but nobody loses more yardage than Sanders either. That means the Lions often are either celebrating a touchdown or facing second down and 13. This feast-or-famine approach makes it difficult to sustain drives and momentum.

Surely Detroit fans prefer it even if they don't understand it. It is stretching credibility to consider Sanders any kind of liability. Nevertheless, his volatile style sometimes puts pressure on Lions' coaches and the Lions' defense.

Charlie's batch

Batch has a very good trio of receivers led by one of the most prolific in the business in Herman Moore. If Moore doesn't catch 100 passes a year, something is wrong. Such was the case last year when he finished with 82, missing the century mark for the first time in four seasons. Batch was reluctant to risk going to him in double coverage, but some receivers demand the ball under any conditions. Johnnie Morton is a speedy second receiver and Germane Crowell has Moore-like size and character. The return to health of big tight end David Sloan will give Batch an excellent outlet target.

Change on the offensive line was expected and the addition of the huge Gibson allows for several alternatives. If Gibson gets too huge, the possibilities shrink, but he is potentially the league's first legitimate 400-pounder. If Gibson can play right tackle, it would allow Juan Roque to shift to guard.



99 LIONS SCHEDULE

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Depending on whether left guard **Mike Compton** or right guard **Jeff Hartings** moves to center, one of the guard spots needs to be claimed by Roque or Gibson. Compton is the more likely to replace departed center pick Jim Pyne. Left tackle **Ray Roberts** remains in place.

Providing run support

Adding Claiborne, third-round defensive end **Jared DeVries** and veteran free agent tackles **James Jones** and **Kelvin Pritchett** is designed to help the defense improve from its 25th place in stopping the run. Middle linebacker **Stephen Boyd** is excellent, but he can't do it all.

If Jones and Pritchett can plug the hole next to **Luther Elliss**, **Dan Owens** can move outside with DeVries to improve the right end position shared last year by **Kerwin Waldroup** and **Tracy Scroggins**. **Robert Porcher** led the team with 11 1/2 sacks from his left end spot and remains a solid starter.

With Boyd entrenched in the middle, Claiborne is slated to replace former middle backer **Allen Aldridge** on the weak side, where he can chase and disrupt offenses the way he did in college. Aldridge will slide to the strong side and replace departed Rob Fredrickson.

Starting cornerbacks **Bryant Westbrook** and **Terry Fair** and nickel corner **Kevin Abrams** give the Lions a promising young trio of cover men. Veteran safeties **Mark Carrier** and **Ron Rice** are hoping to repeat good years and provide stability in the secondary.

Detroit has its hopes pinned on the young arm of Charlie Batch (left) and the 30-year-old legs of future Hall of Famer Sanders.



DETROIT LIONS

Bobby Ross, Head Coach

Sylvester Croom, Offensive Coordinator; **Larry Peccatiello**, Defensive Coordinator; **Brian Baker**, Defensive Line; **Don Clemmons**, Defensive and Strength Assistant; **Frank Falks**, Running Backs; **Jack Henry**, Offensive Line; **Bert Hill**, Strength and Conditioning; **John Miciagna**, Quality Control/Offense and Administrative; **Gary Moeller**, Linebackers; **Dennis Murphy**, Quality Control/Defense; **Danny Smith**, Tight Ends; **Chuck Priefer**, Special Teams; **Richard Selcer**, Defensive Backs; **Jerry Sullivan**, Wide Receivers; **Jim Zorn**, Quarterbacks

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
10	Batch, Charlie	QB	6-2	216	12/05/74	1 E. Michigan
12	Frerotte, Gus	QB	6-2	228	07/31/71	5 Tulsa
	Powlus, Ron	QB	6-3	225	07/16/74	0 Notre Dame
13	Dittoe, Chris	QB	6-6	230	08/01/73	0 Indiana
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
72	Roberts, Ray	T	6-6	308	06/03/69	7 Virginia
77	Compton, Mike	G	6-6	297	09/18/70	6 West Virginia
62	Semple, Tony	G	6-4	286	12/20/70	4 Memphis
76	Brooks, Barrett	T	6-4	309	05/05/72	4 Kansas State
66	Hempstead, Hessley	G	6-1	295	01/29/72	3 Kansas
64	Hartings, Jeff	G	6-3	283	09/07/72	3 Penn State
70	Johnson, Andre	T	6-5	317	08/25/73	1 Penn State
73	Roque, Juan	T	6-8	319	01/06/74	1 Arizona State
75	Ramirez, Tony	T	6-6	296	01/26/73	2 Northern Colorado
79	Beverly, Eric	C	6-3	279	03/28/74	1 Miami (OH)
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
20	Sanders, Barry	RB	5-8	203	07/16/68	10 Oklahoma State
34	Rivers, Ron	RB	5-8	205	11/13/71	4 Fresno State
30	Schlesinger, Cory	RB	6-0	230	06/23/72	4 Nebraska
36	Reece, Travis	RB	6-3	252	04/03/75	1 Michigan State
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
84	Moore, Herman	WR	6-3	210	10/20/69	8 Virginia
87	Morton, Johnnie	WR	6-0	190	10/07/71	5 Southern California
83	Stablein, Brian	WR	6-1	193	04/14/70	5 Ohio State
89	Rasby, Walter	TE	6-3	260	09/07/72	5 Wake Forest
86	Sloan, David	TE	6-6	254	06/08/72	4 New Mexico
15	Scott, Freddie	WR	5-10	189	08/26/74	3 Penn State
81	Chryplewicz, Pete	TE	6-4	255	04/27/74	2 Notre Dame
82	Crowell, Germane	WR	6-4	201	09/13/76	1 Virginia
15	Thomas, Corey	WR	6-1	170	06/06/75	1 Duke
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
97	Jones, James	DT	6-2	290	02/06/69	8 Northern Iowa
92	Spindler, Marc	DT	6-5	295	11/28/69	9 Pittsburgh
90	Owens, Dan	NT	6-3	280	03/16/67	9 Southern California
97	Scroggins, Tracy	DE	6-2	255	09/11/69	7 Tulsa
91	Porcher, Robert	DE	6-3	283	07/30/69	7 South Carolina State
94	Elliss, Luther	DT	6-5	291	03/22/73	4 Utah
98	Sasa, Don	DT	6-2	286	09/16/72	4 Washington State
93	Waldroup, Kerwin	DE	6-3	260	08/01/74	3 Central State
67	Kirschke, Travis	DT	6-3	286	09/06/74	1 UCLA
69	Davis, Jerome	DT	6-4	275	03/04/74	0 Minnesota
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
27	Carrier, Mark	S	6-1	192	04/28/68	9 Southern California
35	Bailey, Robert	CB	5-9	174	09/03/68	8 Miami (FL)
23	Sawyer, Corey	CB	5-11	171	10/04/71	5 Florida State
28	Rice, Ron	S	6-1	206	11/09/72	3 Eastern Michigan
42	Stewart, Ryan	S	6-1	207	09/30/73	3 Georgia Tech
32	Westbrook, Bryant	CB	6-0	195	12/19/74	2 Texas
24	Abrams, Kevin	CB	5-9	166	02/28/74	2 Syracuse
23	Fair, Terry	CB	5-11	185	07/20/76	1 Tennessee
29	Campbell, Lamar	CB	5-11	182	08/29/75	1 Wisconsin
29	Supernaw, Kywin	S	6-1	209	06/02/75	1 Indiana
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
52	Kowalkowski, Scott	LB	6-2	228	08/23/68	7 Notre Dame
55	Aldridge, Allen	LB	6-1	245	05/30/72	5 Houston
57	Boyd, Stephen	LB	6-0	247	08/22/72	4 Boston College
54	Russell, Matt	LB	6-1	250	07/05/73	1 Colorado
99	Jordan, Richard	LB	6-1	265	12/01/74	2 Missouri Southern State
59	O'Neill, Kevin	LB	6-2	239	04/14/75	1 Bowling Green
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
4	Hanson, Jason	K	5-11	183	06/17/70	7 Washington State
18	Jett, John	P	6-0	199	11/11/68	6 East Carolina

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	9	Claiborne, Chris	LB	6-3	250	07/26/78	Southern California
1	27	Gibson, Aaron	G	6-7	368	09/27/77	Wisconsin
3	70	DeVries, Jared	DT	6-4	284	06/11/76	Iowa
4	103	Irvin, Sedrick	RB	6-0	223	03/30/78	Michigan State
5	137	Talton, Tyree	CB	6-0	198	05/10/76	Northern Iowa
6	177	Kriewaldt, Clint	LB	6-1	231	—	Wis.-Stevens Point
7	215	Pringley, Mike	DE	6-5	270	05/22/76	North Carolina

1998 FINAL STATS

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DATE	SCORE	
09/06	L 19-38	at Green Bay
09/13	L 28-34	Cincinnati
09/20	L 6-29	at Minnesota
09/28	W 27-6	Tampa Bay
10/04	L 27-31	at Chicago
10/15	W 27-20	Green Bay
10/25	L 13-34	Minnesota
11/01	L 15-17	Arizona
11/08	L 9-10	at Philadelphia
11/15	W 26-3	Chicago
11/22	W 28-25	at Tampa Bay
11/26	W 19-16	Pittsburgh
12/06	L 22-37	at Jacksonville
12/14	L 13-35	at S. Francisco
12/20	L 17-24	Atlanta
12/27	L 10-19	at Baltimore

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Sanders	343	1491	4.3	73	4.0
Batch	41	229	5.6	17	1.0
Rivers	19	102	5.4	36	1.0
Vardell	18	37	2.1	17	6.0
Crowell	1	35	35.0	35	0.0
Mitchell	7	30	4.3	17	0.0
Schlesinger	5	17	3.4	5	0.0
Morton	1	11	11.0	11	0.0
Reich	0	3	0.5	5	0.0

Team	441	1955	4.4	73	12
Opponents	487	2102	4.3	57	15

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Moore	82	983	12.0	36	5
Morton	69	1028	14.9	98	2
Sanders	37	289	7.8	44	0
Crowell	25	464	18.6	68	3
Rasby	15	119	7.9	17	1
Vardell	14	143	10.2	31	1
Sloan	11	146	13.3	33	1
Stablein	7	80	11.4	15	0
Boyd	4	52	13.0	19	1
Chryplewicz	4	20	5.0	8	2
Rivers	3	58	19.3	38	0
Schlesinger	3	16	5.3	8	1

Team	274	3398	12.4	98	17
Opponents	284	3276	11.5	84	23

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Batch	303	173	2178	11	6
Reich	110	63	768	5	4
Mitchell	75	38	452	1	3
Jett	1	0	0	0	0

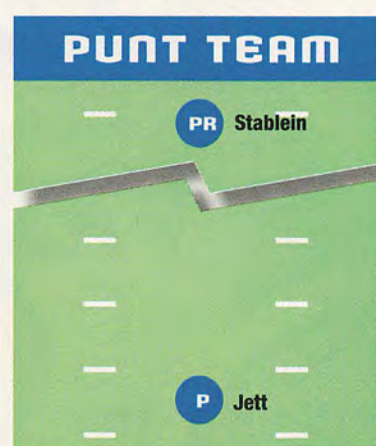
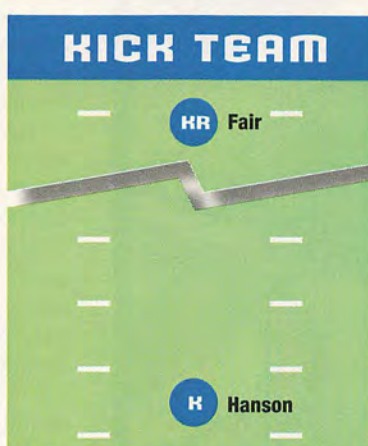
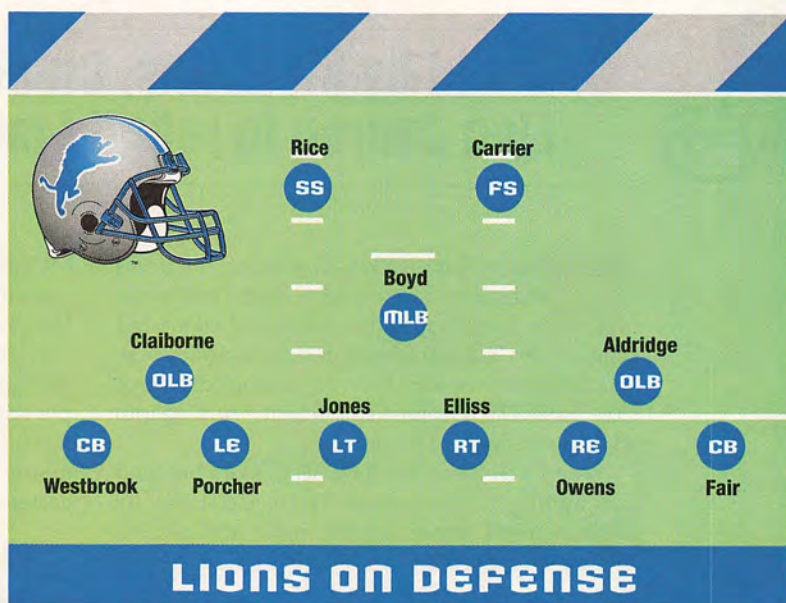
Team	489	274	3398	17	13
Opponents	474	284	3276	23	12

SACKS

Porcher 11.5, Scroggins 6.5, Boyd 4.0, Rice 3.5, Abrams 3.0, Aldridge 3.0, Elliss 3.0, Fredrickson 2.5, Owens 2.5, Waldroup 1.5, Fair 1.0

Team 43.0, Opponents 45.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS





Spurned by McGinnis, Chicago turns to former Lion Jauron to rebuild talent-short Bears.

After back-to-back 4-12 seasons, the Bears think they have bottomed out. They might be overly optimistic. Bereft of talent and plagued by bad personnel decisions and worse luck, the Bears couldn't even hire a replacement for fired coach Dave Wannstedt without it turning into a league-wide embarrassment.

When president Michael McCaskey botched the signing of new coach Dave McGinnis by announcing it before negotiating it, McCaskey's mother, Virginia, daughter of team founder George Halas, was moved to kick her eldest son upstairs and name non-family member Ted Phillips as new boss. But that was after Michael had hired Dick Jauron as head coach, his second choice.

Jauron now enters a picture that is fuzzy at best. He works with a personnel vice president, Mark Hatley, who didn't hire him. Both work for Phillips, who didn't hire either. All agree on one thing: there is plenty of work to do.

McNown quantity

They started by parlaying a paltry six draft choices into 13 picks that included quarterback **Cade McNown** by trading down for the quantity they so desperately need.

Although Jauron would prefer to allow

McNown time to develop behind **Erik Kramer**, the veteran is recovering from a rotator cuff injury that leaves his future very much in question. One of the reasons they chose to trade down and take McNown over the still-available Daunte Culpepper was McNown's advanced ability to take over a pro offense. Of all the five heralded first-round quarterbacks in this draft, McNown is universally acclaimed as the one most ready to play now.

As the 'Crow' flies

Jauron's offensive coordinator is Gary Crowton, a newcomer to the NFL after serving as head coach at Louisiana Tech, where his offenses were so wide-open they might remind the NFL of the defunct run and shoot. Crowton plans to line up four and five receivers at times and let the quarterback wing it, which brings up an interesting question: What to do with last year's No. 1 draft pick, **Curtis Enis**?

Integrating Enis's plowhorse style with Crowton's racehorse football will be a trick the rest of the league is eager to see unfold. Enis was a

disappointment last year only because of a knee injury that cut short a promising rookie season. But his style seems contrary to Crowton's plans. Versatile veteran **Edgar Bennett** has the kind of pass-catching experience that fits better.

Top receiver **Curtis Conway** is excited about the new offense after laboring through the last two seasons. He's a deep threat when healthy and motivated, which hasn't been often. **Bobby Engram** turned into the most productive receiver on the team. Crowton's offense will require others to contribute in the passing game.

Tight end **Alonzo Mayes** is coming off a good rookie showing and veteran **Ryan Wetnight** is the kind of all-purpose receiver who could thrive under Crowton.

The Bears added left tackle **Blake Brockermeyer** from Carolina to replace Andy Heck on a line that isn't as bad as the team's record. Huge **James "Big Cat" Williams** is solid at right tackle and **Jimmy Herndon** is a capable backup on either side. Second-year man **Olin Kreutz** looks like he has established himself at center ahead of **Casey Wiegmann**, who can work as a swingman between left guard **Todd Perry** and right guard **Chris Villalier**.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	297.9	21
Rushing	107.1	17
Passing	190.8	23
Scoring	17.3	25
Punt Returns	11.6	10
Kick Returns	24.2	67
Total Defense	318.9	14
Against Rush	117.2	19
Against Pass	201.8	15
Pts Allowed	23.0	23
Interceptions	14	197
Sacks	28	297
Turnover Diff.	-6	22

The Bears need injury-prone QB Kramer to stay healthy long enough to get McNown ready.



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Bobby Engram (left) had a breakout season in '98 with 64 catches. The addition of free agent left tackle Blake Brockermeyer should give him even more time to get open in '99.

It is the type of physical line better suited to run blocking.

Looking for Mr. Pass Rusher

The defensive line is less settled as the Bears search for the pass rusher they haven't had since the heyday of Richard Dent. A key is the ability of second-round pick **Russell Davis** from North Carolina to move from college tackle to pro end. His former college teammate, **Vonnice Holliday**, made the same transition in spectacular fashion last year, so the Bears have reason to hope. If he can't do it, Davis won't have much of a chance to unseat tackles **Jim Flanigan** and **Mike Wells**, who were the anchors of an overworked defense last year.

The Bears added old free agent **Clyde Simmons** and young free agent **Jamal Duff** to their assortment of ends, where holdover **Bryan Robinson** showed some promise and fourth-rounder **Rosevelt Colvin** could emerge as a rush specialist.

At linebacker, there is a big question with the shift of middle man **Barry Minter** to the outside spot where he collected six sacks two years ago. This means **Sean Harris** moves inside, where he never has played. **Rico McDonald** is the other outside backer.

Eternal optimism

Jauron expects cornerback **Tom Carter** to return strong after a knee injury to complement **Walt Harris** at a position crucial to the Bears' survival in a division full of big, talented receivers.

Jauron raided his former team, Jacksonville, for free safety **Chris Hudson**, which allows last year's rookie free safety, **Tony Parrish**, to move to strong safety and replace departed Marty Carter.

CHICAGO BEARS

Dick Jauron, Head Coach

Gary Crowton, Offensive Coordinator; Greg Blache, Defensive Coordinator; Rex Norris, Defensive Line; John Shoop, Quarterbacks; Bob Wylie, Offensive Line; Chuck Bullough, Defensive Quality Control; Vance Bedford, Defensive Backs; Mike Borich, Wide Receivers; Dale Lindsey, Linebackers; Mike Bollman, Tight Ends; Earle Mosley, Running Backs

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
12	Kramer, Erik	QB	6-1	200	11/06/64	9 North Carolina State
9	Matthews, Shane	QB	6-3	196	06/01/70	2 Florida
14	Miller, Jim	QB	6-2	210	02/09/71	3 Michigan State
4	Moreno, Moses	QB	6-2	187	09/05/75	1 Colorado State
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
71	Williams, James	T	6-7	340	03/29/68	8 Cheyney
64	Heck, Andy	T	6-6	298	01/01/67	10 Notre Dame
75	Perry, Todd	G	6-5	312	11/28/70	6 Kentucky
67	Huntington, Greg	C	6-4	302	09/22/70	5 Penn State
78	Brockermeyer, Blake	T	6-4	305	04/11/73	4 Texas
74	Herdon, Jimmy	T	6-8	311	08/30/73	2 Houston
58	Villarrial, Chris	G	6-4	305	06/09/73	3 Indiana (PA)
60	Wiegmann, Casey	C	6-3	290	07/20/73	3 Iowa
65	Mannely, Patrick	T	6-5	285	04/18/75	1 Duke
62	Taylor, Aaron	G	6-1	305	01/21/75	0 Nebraska
69	Overhauser, Chad	T	6-5	296	06/17/75	0 UCLA
57	Kreutz, Olin	C	6-4	290	06/09/77	1 Washington
78	Hernandez, Adam	T	6-4	310	11/14/76	0 Yale
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
32	Bennett, Edgar	RB	6-0	217	02/15/69	6 Florida State
24	Milburn, Glyn	RB	5-8	177	02/19/71	6 Stanford
49	Hallock, Ty	RB	6-3	256	04/30/71	5 Michigan State
33	Tindale, Tim	RB	5-10	220	04/15/71	3 Western Ontario
38	Chancey, Robert	RB	6-0	258	09/07/72	2 None
20	Allen, James	RB	5-10	212	03/28/75	1 Oklahoma
39	Enis, Curtis	RB	6-1	233	06/15/76	1 Penn State
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
80	Conway, Curtis	WR	6-1	194	03/13/71	6 Southern California
89	Wetnight, Ryan	TE	6-2	235	11/05/70	6 Stanford
86	Penn, Chris	WR	6-0	198	04/20/71	5 Tulsa
19	Mitchell, Derrell	WR	5-9	187	09/16/71	1 Texas Tech
82	Bowens, Fabien	WR	5-11	186	02/29/72	3 Western Illinois
81	Engram, Bobby	WR	5-10	192	01/07/73	3 Penn State
84	Allred, John	TE	6-5	250	09/09/74	2 Southern California
83	Brooks, Macey	WR	6-5	220	02/02/75	0 James Madison
88	Robinson, Marcus	WR	6-3	213	02/27/75	1 South Carolina
31	Allen, Tremayne	TE	6-2	234	08/09/74	1 Florida
85	Mayes, Alonzo	TE	6-6	265	06/04/75	1 Oklahoma State
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
96	Simmons, Clyde	DE	6-6	281	08/04/64	13 Western Carolina
99	Flanigan, Jim	DT	6-2	286	08/27/71	5 Notre Dame
97	Wells, Mike	DT	6-3	287	01/06/71	5 Iowa
71	Anderson, Dunstan	DE	6-4	270	12/31/70	2 Tulsa
92	Duff, Jamal	DE	6-7	271	03/11/72	3 San Diego State
93	Grasmanis, Paul	DT	6-2	298	08/02/74	3 Notre Dame
75	Palmer, Emile	DT	6-3	320	04/05/73	1 Syracuse
98	Robinson, Bryan	DT	6-4	295	06/22/74	2 Fresno State
	Anderson, Ken	DT	6-4	288	10/04/75	0 Arkansas
	Baron, James	DE	6-4	265	06/08/73	0 Virginia Tech
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
29	Smith, Frankie	CB	5-9	182	10/08/68	6 Baylor
25	Carter, Tom	CB	6-1	187	09/05/72	6 Notre Dame
30	Bell, Ricky	CB	5-10	186	10/02/74	3 North Carolina State
36	Austin, Raymond	S	5-11	190	12/21/74	2 Tennessee
25	Anderson, Curtis	CB	6-0	193	09/29/73	1 Pittsburgh
21	Cousin, Terry	CB	5-9	176	03/11/75	2 South Carolina
37	Parrish, Tony	S	5-11	205	11/23/75	1 Washington
43	Coleman, Quincy	CB	5-10	183	07/23/75	0 Jackson State
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
52	Collins, Andre	LB	6-1	231	05/04/68	9 Penn State
59	Schwartz, Jim	LB	6-2	240	01/23/70	6 Purdue
92	Minter, Barry	LB	6-2	242	01/28/70	6 Tulsa
53	Hall, Lemanski	LB	6-0	229	11/24/70	5 Alabama
56	Burns, Keith	LB	6-2	245	05/16/72	5 Oklahoma State
55	Harris, Sean	LB	6-3	245	02/25/72	4 Arizona
96	Draft, Chris	LB	6-1	220	02/26/76	1 Stanford
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
1	Jaeger, Jeff	K	5-11	190	11/26/64	11 Washington
16	Sauerbrun, Todd	P	5-10	209	01/04/73	4 West Virginia

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1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	12	McNown, Cade	QB	6-1	214	01/12/77	UCLA
2	48	Davis, Russell	DT	6-4	295	03/28/75	North Carolina
3	66	Tucker, Rex	T	6-5	290	12/20/76	Texas A&M
3	71	Bates, D'Wayne	WR	6-2	211	12/04/75	Northwestern
3	78	Booker, Marty	WR	6-0	216	07/31/76	Northeast Louisiana
4	106	Holdman, Warrick	LB	6-1	230	11/22/75	Texas A&M
4	111	Colvin, Roosevelt	DE	6-3	239	09/05/77	Purdue
5	143	Wisne, Jerry	G	6-7	298	07/28/76	Notre Dame
5	144	Samuel, Khari	LB	6-3	240	10/14/76	Massachusetts
5	147	Azumah, Jerry	RB	5-10	195	09/01/77	New Hampshire
6	184	Cook, Rashard	S	6-1	205	04/18/77	Southern California
7	221	Sanford, Sulecio	WR	5-11	192	03/23/76	M.T.S.U.
7	253	Finn, James	RB	6-1	240	12/09/76	Pennsylvania

1998 FINAL STATS

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DATE	SCORE	
09/06	L 23-24	Jacksonville
09/13	L 12-17	at Pittsburgh
09/20	L 15-27	at Tampa Bay
09/27	L 28-31	Minnesota
10/04	W 31-27	Detroit
10/11	L 7-20	at Arizona
10/18	W 13-12	Dallas
10/25	W 23-20	at Tennessee
11/08	L 12-20	St. Louis
11/15	L 3-26	at Detroit
11/22	L 13-20	at Atlanta
11/29	L 17-31	Tampa Bay
12/06	L 22-48	at Minnesota
12/13	L 20-26	at Green Bay
12/20	W 24-3	Baltimore
12/27	L 13-16	Green Bay

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Bennett	173	611	3.5	43	2
Enis	133	497	3.7	29	0
Allen	58	270	4.7	57	1
Chancey	29	122	4.2	14	2
Stenstrom	18	79	4.4	14	2
Conway	5	48	9.6	29	0
Hallock	13	41	3.2	14	1
Kramer	13	17	1.3	8	1
Moreno	4	9	2.3	9	0
Milburn	4	8	2.0	3	0
Morris	3	8	2.7	6	0
Engram	1	3	3.0	3	0

Team	454	1713	3.8	57	9
Opponents	479	1875	3.9	50	12

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Engram	64	987	15.4	79	5
Conway	54	733	13.6	47	3
Penn	31	448	14.5	37	3
Bennett	28	209	7.5	31	0
Hallock	25	166	6.6	16	0
Wetnight	23	168	7.3	30	2
Mayes	21	217	10.3	22	0
Chancey	11	102	9.3	15	0
Allen	8	77	9.6	33	1
Enis	6	20	3.3	7	0
Bownes	5	69	13.8	44	1
Milburn	4	37	9.3	13	0
Robinson	4	44	11.0	20	1

Team	284	3277	11.5	79	16
Opponents	292	3401	11.6	98	27

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Kramer	250	151	1823	9	7
Stenstrom	196	112	1252	4	6
Moreno	43	19	166	1	0
Bennett	2	1	18	1	0
Horan	2	1	18	1	0
Conway	1	0	0	0	0

Team	494	284	3277	16	13
Opponents	456	292	3401	27	14

SACKS

Flanigan 8.5, Thomas 4.5, Thierry 3.5, Wells 3.0, Lee 2.0, Grasmanis 1.0, Harris 1.0, McDonald 1.0, Minter 1.0, Parrish 1.0, Reeves 1.0, Robinson 0.5

Team 28.0, Opponents 31.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS



BEARS ON DEFENSE

SS: Parrish
FS: Hudson
MLB: S. Harris
OLB: Minter
OLB: McDonald
CB: Carter
LE: Davis
LT: Flanigan
RT: Wells
RE: Robinson
CB: W. Harris

BEARS ON OFFENSE

WR: Engram
LT: Brockermeyer
LG: Kreutz
C: Williams
RG: Villarial
RT: Mayes
TE: Conway
QB: Kramer
FB: Chancey
RB: Enis

KICK TEAM

KR: Milburn
H: Jaeger

PUNT TEAM

PR: Milburn
P: Sauerbrun

'Dirty Bird' is the word in Atlanta and the rest of the NFC West environs for '99.

By Larry Weisman USA TODAY

The NFC West requires two things of the teams that would rule it:

1. Unseat San Francisco.
2. Repeat.

Atlanta executed part one last year and rode that momentum all the way to the Super Bowl. Now the Falcons face that treacherous second step and, as they say in cartoons, it's a doozie.

No team other than the 49ers has repeated as the division champion since the Los Angeles Rams (now wintering in St. Louis) ran off seven straight (1973-79). In the ensuing years—excepting strike-shortened 1982 when the NFL dropped division standings—the interruptions of San Francisco's penthouse occupancy came irregularly and impermanently. The Rams (1985), New Orleans (1991) and Carolina (1995) each butted in, however briefly, but could not hold the top spot the following season.

Atlanta Falcons

None of these teams seem as generally sound as the Falcons, who don't go in for wild philosophies or outlandish styles. They play to their strengths, cover their weaknesses and generally win the turnover battle. They're properly prepared for each situation by coach Dan Reeves and his staff and they respond. Of course, they won't sneak up on anybody this year and no one will mistake them for "the same old Falcons" of years gone by.

San Francisco 49ers

If history mitigates against the Falcons, the upheaval in the 49ers' organization helps. Atlanta's roster (and front office) remained relatively stable through the offseason; San Francisco's shimmied and shook. Having lost Carmen Policy and Dwight Clark to Cleveland, the 49ers turned to their past and brought back Bill Walsh and John McVay, who remember the free-spending ways of Eddie DeBartolo Jr. and are living with the results.

Make no mistake, the spending is a memory. DeBartolo, suspended by commissioner Paul Tagliabue through the '99 season, may not be able to retake control of the team from his sister, Denise DeBartolo York. And the Niners' spending threatened to exceed the salary cap by more than \$23 million, leading to trades (Roy Barker,

Kevin Gogan), off-loads to Cleveland (Antonio Langham), cuts (Marquez Pope) and contract restructurings (Merton Hanks).

The 49ers at least retain the institutional memories of success and achievement. They still feature some decent offensive weapons and could contend, even as they age.

New Orleans Saints

In New Orleans, where the Saints last had a winning record in 1992, Mike Ditka's program goes into its third year still desperately seeking an offense but hopeful that in Ricky Williams it has found its answer. Ditka, who once appeared ready to quit, seems ready for the long haul, depending on how long a haul it is. The Saints' defense can make things happen and ought to get a few opportunities to protect leads with Williams elevating their ground game.

St. Louis Rams

St. Louis—the anti-Disney with a slogan of "The Unhappiest Place on Earth"—looks for some offensive stability by switching to Trent Green at quarterback. The Rams need to accomplish something to save Dick Vermeil's job, especially after a strife-ridden season in which players threatened to walk out to protest excessively long practices.

The Rams should at least be more explosive on offense. The acquisition of Marshall Faulk from Indianapolis should jump-start the running game, while first-round pick Torry Holt, a receiver from N.C. State, should help Green stretch the field.

Carolina Panthers

In Carolina, the institution underwent an overhaul a mere four years into its existence, with former 49ers coach George Seifert hired to halt the downward spiral.

The Panthers are a mystery. The offensive line is a collection of nobodies and the defense, changing from a 3-4 to a 4-3, looks like a jumble with several pieces not fitting into the puzzle. The Panthers leaped to the top of the division in only their second season, but it could take Seifert and his crew at least that long to find .500.

Maybe this is when NFC West history gets rewritten and a team not headquartered in San Francisco makes it two straight division titles. The "Dirty Bird" is the word.

Predicted order of finish



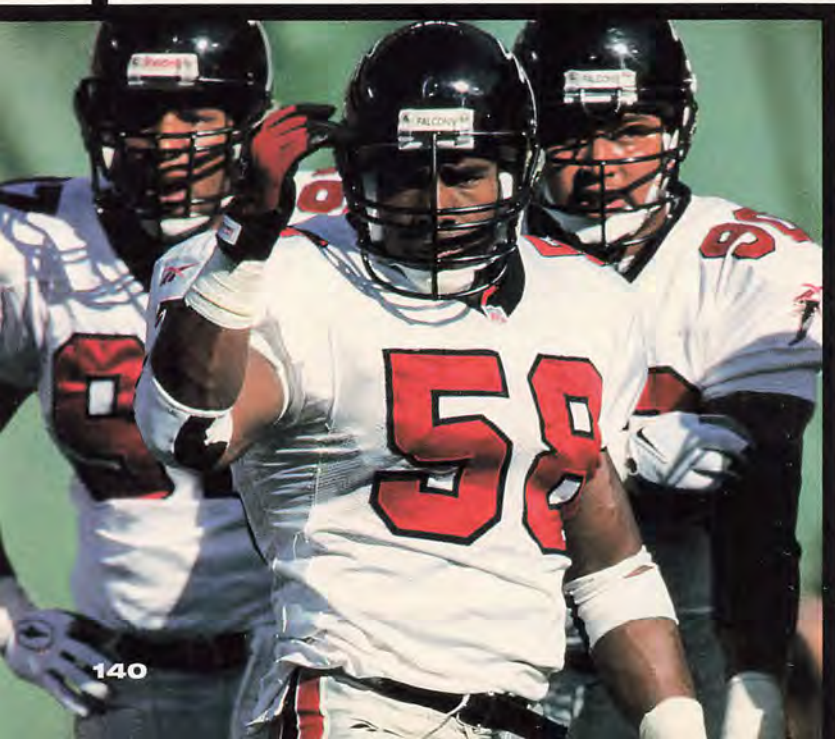


Falcon fundamentals should be more than enough for another NFC West title.



Workhorse back
Jamal Anderson
gained 1,846
yards last season
on an NFL-record
410 carries.

Linebacker
Jessie Tuggle is
the NFL's leading
active tackler
and the Falcons'
backbone.



The Atlanta Falcons put all the parts together in just the right way in 1998 and reached the Super Bowl for the first time in franchise history and in the second year of Dan Reeves' tenure.

No one considered them a great team, but they did the things that great teams can do. They played to their strengths and minimized their mistakes, a formula that allowed them to lead the league in takeaways (44) and net turnover differential (+20).

Will laser-beam focus remain?

They also stuck together through distractions (a federal investigation of receiver Tony Martin on money-laundering charges), injuries and the temporary loss of Reeves, who underwent a quadruple-bypass operation in December and returned to lead the club through the playoffs. They even retained their composure when safety Eugene Robinson, a respected team leader, was arrested on the eve of the Super Bowl.

Their offseason was probably the least roiling of any team's in the NFC West, reflecting the organization's confidence in its roster and in its style of play. In an era where coaches want complete control of personnel, Reeves has accomplished the almost unthinkable in making the Falcons the favorites to win the division.

Rushing attack intact

The offense, built around the powerful running of **Jamal Anderson**, returns almost intact and its focus will again be on Anderson, who set the NFL single-season record for rushing attempts with 410. Even the loss of fullback **Bob Christian** to a knee injury did not slow the ground attack and Christian is expected back for training camp. Defenses will again have to concentrate on stopping Anderson, and that is how the Falcons create their opportunities in the passing game.

Quarterback **Chris Chandler** stayed healthy through the '98 season and finished as the NFL's fourth-rated passer with a rating of 100.9. Chandler struggled with his confidence in his earlier years but began to emerge as a leader who could hang tough. The Falcons have also improved their depth at this position by signing **Danny Kanell**, formerly the New York Giants' starter and a player Reeves likes.

Because Martin faced trial and had a sizable roster bonus coming, the Falcons released him and brought in another ex-Giant Reeves likes, **Chris Calloway**. They're giving up some speed but getting a very steady and consistent performer who can be counted on in the clutch. He'll team with **Terance Mathis**, who is not a burner but consistently makes big plays. The Falcons may look to second-year **Tim Dwight**, a sprinter who needs real work on his route running, as their third receiver.

Big blocking bookends

O.J. Santiago returns at tight end. The Falcons may use two tight ends to bolster their already-threatening running game, having traded next year's No. 1 pick for the chance to select Mississippi State's **Reggie Kelly** in the second round. Kelly isn't a polished receiver by any means, but the Falcons love his blocking.

The offensive line, a work in progress under the astute eye of offensive line coach Art Shell, returns intact. Left tackle **Bob Whitfield** comes off his first Pro Bowl. **Calvin Collins** is the starter at left guard but will be pushed by **Bob Hallen**. **Robert Tobeck** starts at center. Right guard **Gene Williams** might have been the team's best lineman. **Ephraim Salaam**, a seventh-round draft pick in '98, became

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	342.9	7
Rushing	131.3	6
Passing	211.6	11
Scoring	27.6	4
Punt Returns	7.6	26
Kick Returns	25.2	2
Total Defense	295.9	8
Against Rush	75.2	2
Against Pass	220.7	21
Pts Allowed	18.1	4
Interceptions	19	10T
Sacks	38	16T
Turnover Diff.	+20	1

99 FALCONS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 10

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8
WEEK 9	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17

the starter at right tackle almost by default and had his problems in the early going but grew ever steadier. Free-agent pickup **Greg Bishop**, who can play guard and tackle, is expected to contend for a starting slot.

Atlanta's defensive front four played very well last season before meeting its match against Denver in the Super Bowl. The Falcons don't like to blitz, so they rely almost exclusively on the line for their pass rush, beginning with defensive ends **Lester Archambeau** and **Chuck Smith**. Archambeau, a well-kept secret the past few years, had a career-high 10 sacks and forced seven fumbles. Smith, also a decent pass rusher, played well against the run. Defensive tackles **Travis Hall** and **Shane Dronett** work together inside very effectively.

Tackling machine **Jessie Tuggle** remains a fixture at middle linebacker, but he'll be 34 before the season is out. The Falcons got younger at right outside linebacker by jettisoning **Cornelius Bennett** and handing his job to **Keith Brooking**, their 1998 No. 1 pick. **Henri Crockett** mans the left outside.

The secondary gets a bit of a makeover with free agent **Marty Carter** stepping in at strong safety for **William White**. The club also got Robinson, the free safety, to take a pay cut to return, but he'll need to be on top of his game to hang around after his Super Bowl fiasco. The club also re-signed right cornerback **Ronnie Bradford**, who continues to start ahead of **Michael Booker**. The left cornerback is **Ray Buchanan**, who comes off a Pro Bowl berth and is a top cover guy with excellent speed.

With Tony Martin's departure, Atlanta quarterback Chris Chandler (left) will now look downfield to former Giant WR Chris Calloway.

LEFT TO RIGHT: AL MESSERSCHMIDT; ROSS F. DETTMAN



ATLANTA FALCONS

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#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
12	Chandler, Chris	QB	6-4	225	10/12/65	11 Washington
13	Kanell, Danny	QB	6-3	222	11/21/73	3 Florida State
13	Graziani, Tony	QB	6-2	195	12/23/73	2 Oregon

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
69	Williams, Gene	G	6-2	306	10/14/68	8 Iowa State
70	Whitfield, Bob	T	6-5	310	10/18/71	7 Stanford
78	Bishop, Greg	G	6-5	300	05/02/71	6 Pacific
61	Toback, Robbie	C	6-4	295	03/06/70	5 Washington State
72	Louchiey, Corey	T	6-8	305	10/10/71	3 South Carolina
68	Collins, Calvin	G	6-2	307	01/05/74	2 Texas A&M
64	Hallen, Bob	C	6-4	296	03/09/75	1 Kent
74	Salaam, Ephraim	T	6-7	290	06/19/76	1 San Diego State
76	Portilla, Jose	T	6-6	320	09/11/72	1 Arizona

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
28	Green, Harold	RB	6-2	222	01/29/68	9 South Carolina
44	Christian, Bob	RB	5-11	230	11/14/68	6 Northwestern
45	Downs, Gary	RB	6-1	212	06/06/72	5 North Carolina State
32	Anderson, Jamal	RB	5-11	234	09/30/72	5 Utah
24	Hanspard, Byron	RB	6-0	190	01/23/76	1 Texas Tech
33	Oxendine, Ken	RB	6-1	223	10/04/75	1 Virginia Tech

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
80	Calloway, Chris	WR	5-10	191	03/29/68	9 Michigan
81	Mathis, Terance	WR	5-10	180	06/07/67	9 New Mexico
82	Harris, Ronnie	WR	5-11	179	06/04/70	6 Oregon
85	Kozlowski, Brian	TE	6-3	255	10/04/70	5 Connecticut
88	Santiago, O.J.	TE	6-7	270	04/04/74	2 Kent
86	Smith, Ed	TE	6-4	254	06/05/69	2 None
83	Dwight, Tim	WR	5-9	185	07/13/75	1 Iowa
84	Monroe, Rodrick	TE	6-4	240	07/30/75	0 Cincinnati
87	German, Jammi	WR	6-1	190	07/04/74	1 Miami (FL)

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
92	Archambeau, Lester	DE	6-5	275	06/27/67	9 Stanford
90	Smith, Chuck	DE	6-2	262	12/21/69	7 Tennessee
75	Dronett, Shane	DT	6-6	288	01/12/71	7 Texas
98	Hall, Travis	DT	6-5	287	08/03/72	4 Brigham Young
94	Kuberski, Bob	DT	6-4	295	04/05/71	4 Navy
93	Swayda, Shawn	DE	6-5	290	09/04/74	1 Arizona State

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
41	Robinson, Eugene	S	6-0	195	05/28/63	14 Colgate
23	Carter, Marty	S	6-1	212	12/17/69	8 Middle Tennessee State
34	Buchanan, Ray	CB	5-9	195	09/29/71	6 Louisville
23	Bradford, Ronnie	CB	5-10	188	10/01/70	6 Colorado
29	Fuller, Randy	CB	5-10	185	06/02/70	5 Tennessee State
23	McBurrows, Gerald	S	5-11	206	10/07/73	4 Kansas
20	Booker, Michael	CB	6-2	205	04/27/75	2 Nebraska
32	Thibodeaux, Keith	CB	5-11	185	05/16/74	1 Northwestern State
47	Bayne, Chris	S	6-1	205	03/22/75	2 Fresno State
27	Brown, Omar	S	5-10	195	03/28/75	1 North Carolina
21	Williams, Elijah	CB	5-10	182	08/20/75	1 Florida

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
58	Tuggle, Jessie	LB	5-11	230	04/04/65	12 Valdosta State
54	Hamilton, Ruffin	LB	6-1	238	03/02/71	3 Tulane
59	Talley, Ben	LB	6-3	245	07/14/72	2 Tennessee
52	Sauer, Craig	LB	6-1	232	12/13/72	3 Minnesota
94	Crockett, Henri	LB	6-2	251	10/28/74	2 Florida State
56	Brooking, Keith	LB	6-3	242	10/30/75	1 Georgia Tech

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
5	Andersen, Morten	K	6-2	225	08/19/60	17 Michigan State
4	Stryzinski, Dan	P	6-2	200	05/15/65	9 Indiana

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	30	Kerney, Patrick	DE	6-6	260	12/30/76	Virginia
2	42	Kelly, Reggie	TE	6-5	243	02/22/77	Mississippi State
3	92	Paulk, Jeff	RB	6-1	250	04/26/76	Arizona State
4	126	Carty, Johndale	S	6-2	196	08/27/77	Utah State
5	164	Baker, Eugene	WR	6-2	161	03/18/76	Kent
6	198	Kelly, Jeff	LB	6-0	245	12/13/75	Kansas State
6	200	Thigpen, Eric	S	6-1	195	06/19/76	Iowa
7	237	McClure, Todd	C	6-2	280	02/16/77	LSU
7	247	Menendez, Rondel	WR	5-9	178	—	Eastern Kentucky

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 14, Lost 2

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 19-14	at Carolina
09/13	W 17-12	Philadelphia
09/27	L 20-31	at S. Francisco
10/04	W 51-23	Carolina
10/11	W 34-20	at NY Giants
10/18	W 31-23	New Orleans
10/25	L 3-28	at NY Jets
11/01	W 37-15	St. Louis
11/08	W 41-10	at New England
11/15	W 31-19	San Francisco
11/22	W 20-13	Chicago
11/29	W 21-10	at St. Louis
12/06	W 28-21	Indianapolis
12/13	W 27-17	at New Orleans
12/20	W 24-17	at Detroit
12/27	W 38-16	Miami

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Anderson	410	1846	4.5	48	14
Chandler	36	121	3.4	19	2
Oxendine	18	50	2.8	21	0
Green	20	37	1.9	6	0
Christian	8	21	2.6	6	2
Graziani	4	21	5.3	12	0
Dwight	8	19	2.4	7	0
Downs	1	4	4.0	4	0
Williams	2	-2	-1.0	2	0
Mathis	1	-6	-6.0	-6	0
DeBerg	8	-10	-1.3	2	0
Team	516	2101	4.1	48	18
Opponents	361	1203	3.3	32	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Martin	66	1181	17.9	62	6
Mathis	64	1136	17.8	78	11
Anderson	27	319	11.8	27	2
Santiago	27	428	15.9	62	5
Christian	19	214	11.3	39	1
Kinchen	11	157	14.3	32	1
Kozlowski	10	103	10.3	25	1
Downs	4	31	7.8	11	0
Dwight	4	94	23.5	44	1
Green	2	34	17.0	28	0
Chandler	1	22	22.0	22	0
Harris	1	14	14.0	14	0
Oxendine	1	11	11.0	11	0
Team	237	3744	15.8	78	28
Opponents	311	3806	12.2	82	22

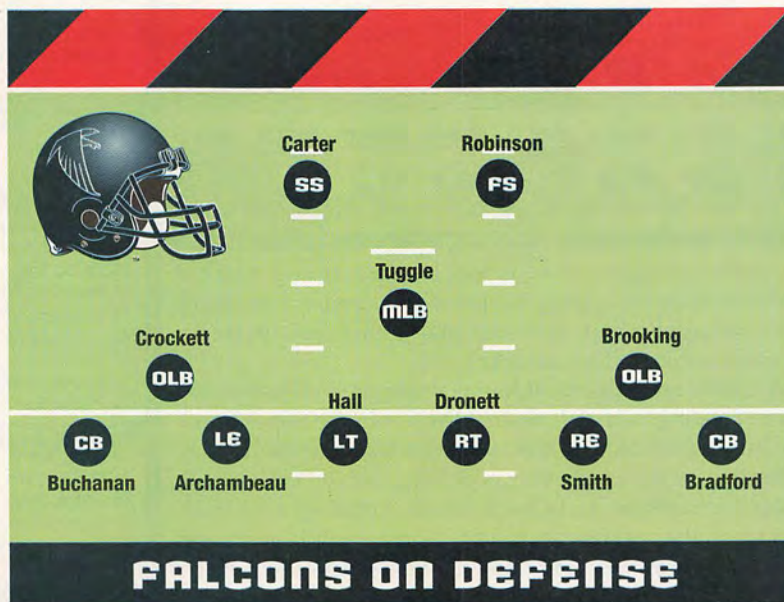
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Chandler	327	190	3154	25	12
DeBerg	59	30	369	3	1
Graziani	33	16	199	0	2
Anderson	2	0	0	0	0
Dwight	2	1	22	0	0
Martin	1	0	0	0	0
Team	424	237	3744	28	15
Opponents	551	311	3806	22	19

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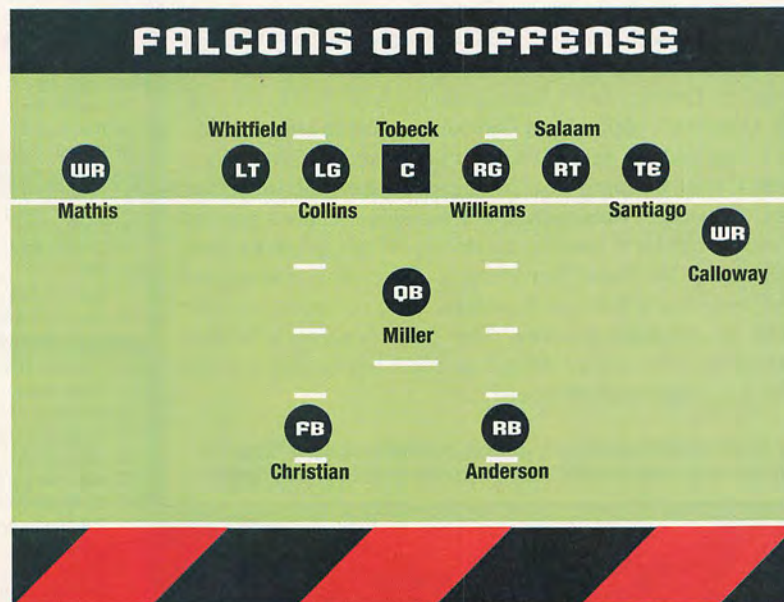
Archambeau 10.0, Smith 8.5, Dronett 6.5, Hall 4.5, Tuggle 3.0, Fuller 2.0, Bennett 1.0, Crockett 1.0, Edwards 1.0, Burrough 0.5

Team 38.0, Opponents 53.0

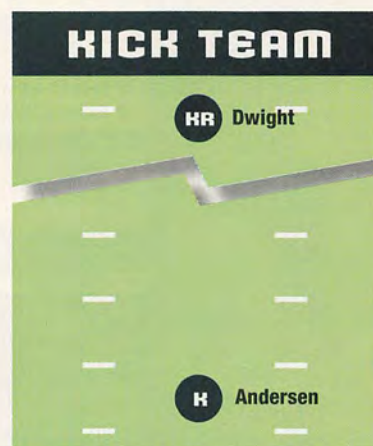
1999 PROJECTED STARTERS



FALCONS ON DEFENSE



KICK TEAM



PUNT TEAM





Aging talent may be enough to give the 49ers one more playoff appearance.

They're as thin as a fashion model on a hunger strike and in upheaval on nearly every level. Profligate spending caught up with them, ownership problems trickled down to the next tier of management and suddenly the San Francisco 49ers look remarkably like so many other mediocre teams and not the model franchise.

Ed DeBartolo Jr., the owner in absentia, is under an NFL ban and fighting with his sister for ultimate control of the team. Bill Walsh returned as general manager to find a roster dangerously over the salary cap and old in many places. Carmen Policy, Dwight Clark and Vinny Cerrato, key figures in the 49ers' dominance over the years, are elsewhere.

Forever Young?

That's not to say the 49ers can't compete anymore. They've still got **Steve Young** and a dynamic troika of receivers, and the NFC West, other than Atlanta, is also in various stages of rebuilding and reconstruction. But there's no question the 49ers are remaking themselves, too, and this could be the season in which they fall from grace.

Young, 37, is no longer young. He had a terrific season in 1998 but also took a beating and his offensive line got worse, not better. **Garrison Hearst** must bounce back from a broken leg and the Niners still must get **Terrell Owens**, their franchise player, signed. The defense has been torn apart and still needs more work.

The weight of carrying this enterprise will fall to Young. He simply cannot get hurt because the 49ers traded backup Ty Detmer to Cleveland and have no faith in **Jim Druckenmiller**, who was charged with rape in April and expected to be released in June. Young's backup: Untested and unknown **Jeff Garcia**.

The running game, in Hearst's capable hands the last few years, is a question mark. Hearst is must in this equation. The 49ers' only real insurance is free agent **Travis Jervy**, who has great speed but has shown a tendency to fumble.

The tradeout at fullback doesn't seem like a positive, either. The 49ers brought back **Tommy Vardell**, a good short-yardage runner, but sent incumbent Marc Edwards to Cleveland. Edwards was developing into a good blocker for Hearst.

Thoroughbreds remain in receiver stable

There's not much question about the quality of the receivers. **Jerry Rice** continues to play at a high level, but he's 36 and wears on his teammates when he squawks about getting the ball. Owens really made a splash last year, leading the team in TD receptions (14). The Niners also re-signed **J.J. Stokes**, who didn't draw much free-agent attention. This group combined for 31 TDs last year.

Tight end **Greg Clark** began to show his receiving skills last year and the 49ers dumped Irv Smith, guaranteeing Clark the starting job. The Niners always liked his blocking.

Offensive line needs repair

The offensive line could stand a retooling. **Chris Dalman** is solid at center and **Ray Brown** is a Pro Bowl-caliber guard, but that's the end of the good news. The hulking Kevin Gogan was traded to Miami, and second-year **Jeremy Newberry** will probably replace the Pro Bowler at right guard. **Phil Ostrowski** is also in

the mix. **Dave Fiore** figures as the left tackle and untested **Chris Ruhman** will get a look at right

Running back Garrison Hearst broke the 49ers' single-season rushing record in 1998 with 1,570 yards.

the numbers

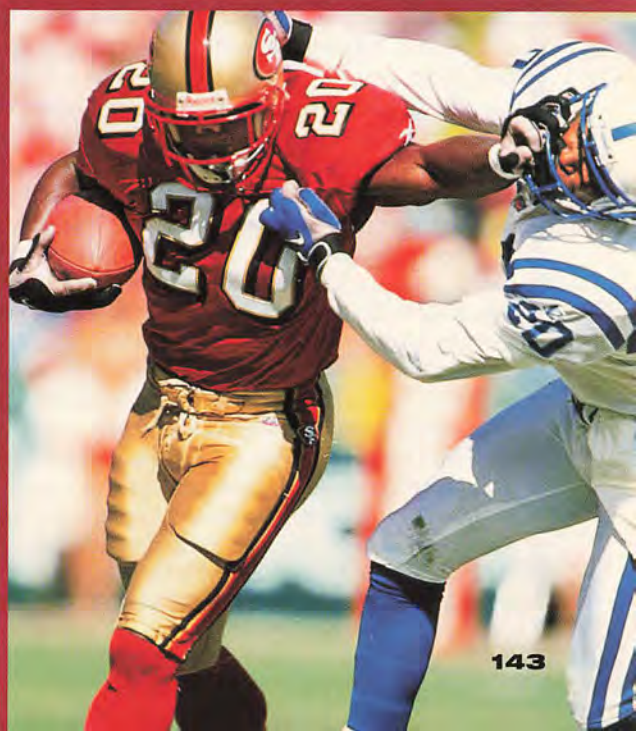
team stats & league rank

Total Offense	425.0	1
Rushing	159.0	1
Passing	266.0	2
Scoring	29.9	3
Punt Returns	8.6	22T
Kick Returns	18.8	29
Total Defense	333.9	23
Against Rush	100.6	9T
Against Pass	233.3	29
Pts Allowed	20.5	13
Interceptions	21	4T
Sacks	51	2
Turnover Diff.	3	11T



LEFT TO RIGHT: DON SMITH; JEFF CARLUCK

Merton Hanks restructured his contract to play a ninth season for the 49ers at free safety.



99 49ers SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 8

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 9
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17



With legendary Jerry Rice (left) and explosive Terrell Owens, who had 14 TDs last year, San Francisco's receiving corps can still put fear into the heart of any NFL defense.

tackle. If he can cut it, **Derrick Deese** plays right guard, where he'd be more at home. If **Kirk Scrafford**, in and out last year because of neck problems, does not stay retired, he would probably play right tackle. Or **Newberry** could emerge at guard, with **Deese** moving out to right tackle.

Mirror image

The defensive line is a mirror of the offensive line. The Niners will be much better when tackle **Bryant Young** returns from his broken leg, but that might not be until midseason. **Junior Bryant** is the other DT. Rookie **Reggie McGrew**, the Niners' No. 1 draft pick, will start in Young's place. The 49ers traded left end **Roy Barker** to Cleveland and they'll miss his pass rush. He led them with 12 sacks. **Gabe Wilkins**, a big disappointment last year, played a little as he battled a knee injury and will probably work in Barker's old spot. **Charles Haley**, brought out of retirement and signed late last year, could start at right end but would be better in situational roles.

Right linebacker **Lee Woodall** might be the best of the starting group here. **Winfred Tubbs** had some difficulties adjusting to the scheme when he came over last year from New Orleans and can play better. On the left side, **Ken Norton Jr.** remains the emotional leader but he's no youngster.

There will be a quite bit of pressure on the veteran safeties this season because of the youth at cornerback. Strong safety **Tim McDonald** played well last season. Free safety **Merton Hanks** restructured his contract and will remain a starter.

Marquez Pope and **Antonio Langham** are both in Cleveland now, so the starters on the corners are **R.W. McQuarters**, a No. 1 pick in '98, and **Darnell Walker**.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Steve Mariucci, Head Coach

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#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
8	Young, Steve	QB 6-2	205	10/11/61	14	Brigham Young
14	Druckenmiller, Jim	QB 6-4	223	09/19/72	2	Virginia Tech
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
79	Barton, Harris	T 6-4	286	04/19/64	10	North Carolina
76	Scrafford, Kirk	T 6-6	275	03/15/67	9	Montana
65	Brown, Ray	G 6-5	315	12/12/62	11	Arkansas State
67	Dalman, Chris	C 6-3	285	03/15/70	6	Stanford
63	Deese, Derrick	T 6-3	275	05/17/70	5	Southern California
74	Fiore, Dave	T 6-4	275	08/10/74	1	Hofstra
62	Newberry, Jeremy	G 6-5	305	03/23/76	0	California
69	Ostrowski, Phil	G 6-4	278	09/23/75	0	Penn State
71	Ruhman, Chris	T 6-4	295	12/19/74	1	Texas A&M
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
44	Vardell, Tommy	RB 6-2	230	02/20/69	7	Stanford
20	Hearst, Garrison	RB 5-11	215	01/04/71	6	Georgia
32	Levy, Chuck	RB 6-0	197	01/07/72	3	Arizona
32	Jervy, Travis	RB 6-0	225	05/05/72	4	Citadel
40	Beasley, Fred	RB 6-0	220	09/18/74	1	Auburn
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
80	Rice, Jerry	WR 6-2	200	10/13/62	14	Mississippi Valley
86	Fann, Chad	TE 6-3	250	06/07/70	5	Florida A&M
83	Stokes, J.J.	WR 6-4	217	10/06/72	4	UCLA
81	Owens, Terrell	WR 6-2	213	12/07/73	3	Tennessee-Chattanooga
88	Harris, Mark	WR 6-3	195	04/28/70	3	Stanford
85	Clark, Greg J.	TE 6-4	262	04/07/72	2	Stanford
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
95	Washington, Marvin	DE 6-6	280	10/22/65	10	Idaho
99	Buckner, Brentson	DE 6-2	310	09/30/71	5	Clemson
78	Bonham, Shane	DT 6-4	260	10/18/70	5	Tennessee
98	Wilkins, Gabe	DE 6-5	305	09/01/71	5	Gardner-Webb
97	Young, Bryant	DT 6-2	276	01/27/72	5	Notre Dame
90	Bryant, Junior	DT 6-4	275	01/16/71	4	Notre Dame
94	Richie, David	DT 6-4	270	09/26/73	2	Washington
96	Posey, Jeff	DE 6-4	240	08/14/75	1	Southern Mississippi
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
46	McDonald, Tim	S 6-2	215	01/06/65	12	Southern California
36	Hanks, Merton	S 6-2	185	03/12/68	8	Iowa
38	Walker, Darnell	CB 5-8	168	01/17/70	6	Oklahoma
31	Bronson, Zack	S 6-0	200	01/28/74	2	McNeese State
21	McQuarters, R.W.	S 5-11	195	12/21/76	1	Oklahoma State
30	Schulters, Lance	S 6-2	185	05/27/75	1	Hofstra
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
51	Norton, Ken	LB 6-2	241	09/29/66	11	UCLA
57	Kirk, Randy	LB 6-2	235	12/27/64	12	San Diego State
55	Tubbs, Winfred	LB 6-4	250	09/24/70	5	Texas
50	Peterson, Anthony	LB 6-1	223	01/23/72	5	Notre Dame
54	Woodall, Lee	LB 6-0	220	10/31/69	5	West Chester
59	Givens, Reggie	LB 6-0	234	10/03/71	1	Penn State
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
14	Edge, Shayne	P 5-11	174	08/21/71	1	Florida
7	Richey, Wade	K 6-4	200	05/17/76	1	Louisiana State

*roster as of May 14

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RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	24	McGrew, Reggie	DT	6-2	302	12/16/76	Florida
3	89	Okefor, Chike	DE	6-5	237	03/27/76	Purdue
4	99	Parker, Anthony	CB	6-2	200	12/04/75	Weber State
4	110	Prioleau, Pierson	S	5-10	191	08/06/77	Virginia Tech
5	157	Jackson, Terry	RB	6-0	218	01/10/76	Florida
5	161	Hopson, Tyrone	G	6-3	309	—	Eastern Kentucky
6	171	Streets, Tai	WR	6-4	190	04/20/77	Michigan
7	234	Minor, Kory	LB	6-1	245	12/14/76	Notre Dame

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 12, Lost 4

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	W 36-30	NY Jets
09/14	W 45-10	at Washington
09/27	W 31-20	Atlanta
10/04	L 21-26	at Buffalo
10/11	W 31-0	at New Orleans
10/18	W 34-31	Indianapolis
10/25	W 28-10	at St. Louis
11/01	L 22-36	at Green Bay
11/08	W 25-23	Carolina
11/15	L 19-31	at Atlanta
11/22	W 31-20	New Orleans
11/30	W 31-7	NY Giants
12/06	W 31-28	at Carolina
12/14	W 35-13	Detroit
12/20	L 21-24	at New England
12/27	W 38-19	St. Louis

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Hearst	310	1570	5.1	96	7
Young	70	454	6.5	24	6
Kirby	48	258	5.4	31	3
Levy	25	112	4.5	21	1
Edwards	22	94	4.3	32	1
Detmer	8	7	0.9	10	0
Owens	4	53	13.3	21	1
Druckenmiller	3	-4	-1.3	-1	0
Roby	1	0	0.0	0	0

Team	491	2544	5.2	96	19
Opponents	395	1610	4.1	65	13

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Rice	82	1157	14.1	75	9
Owens	67	1097	16.4	79	14
Stokes	63	770	12.2	33	8
Hearst	39	535	13.7	81	2
Irv Smith	25	266	10.6	25	5
Edwards	22	218	9.9	47	2
Kirby	16	134	8.4	25	0
Levy	15	64	4.3	13	0
Clark	12	124	10.3	23	1
Uwaezuoke	3	67	22.3	35	0
Harris	2	67	33.5	42	0
Beasley	1	11	11.0	11	0

Team	347	4510	13.0	81	41
Opponents	294	3992	13.6	80	25

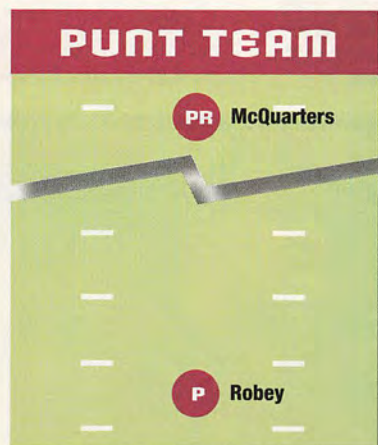
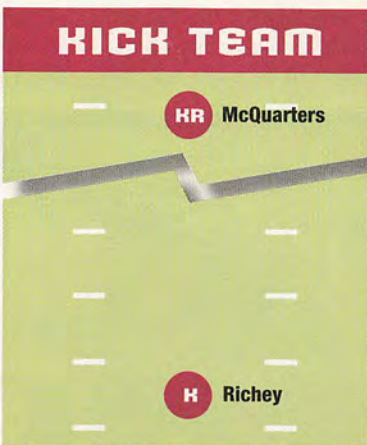
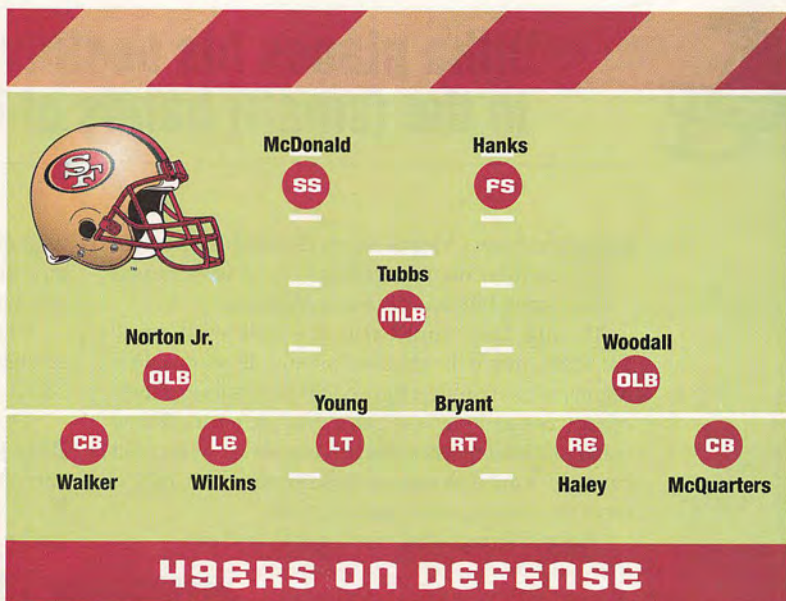
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Young	517	322	4170	36	12
Detmer	38	24	312	4	3
Kirby	1	1	28	1	0
Team	556	347	4510	41	15
Opponents	566	294	3992	25	21

SACKS

Doleman 15.0, Barker 12.0, Young 9.5, Bryant 5.0, McDonald 4.0, Norton 2.0, Peterson 1.0, Tubbs 1.0, Buckner 0.5, Hanks 0.5, Posey 0.5

Team 51.0, Opponents 53.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS





Ditka places his destiny in New Orleans in the (small) hands of Ricky Williams.

The New Orleans Saints decided the answer to their many problems could be summed up in two words: Ricky Williams.

If only they could run the ball with some authority, move the chains a bit and develop a little offensive consistency, they could hide some of their other woes and play the game on their terms. If they could just land that one electrifying player who could carry the team and inspire those around him, they'd have the makings of a playoff team.

Right? Wrong? Well, we'll get to find out.

Saint Ricky marching in

The Saints, in the boldest of draft-day moves, traded every pick they had and their No. 1 and No. 3 from next year's assortment to Washington to move up to the fifth spot and pick Williams, the Heisman Trophy winner and the NCAA's all-time leading rusher in Division I-A.

Did it bother them that Williams had slipped to fifth, that Indianapolis, picking fourth and needing a back, took Edgerrin James? Just the opposite. The Saints knew the player they wanted, didn't care what it would take to get him and quickly emptied the draft cupboard. An ecstatic Mike Ditka fired up an enormous cigar and credited "the power of prayer" for making his dream come true.

"We drafted him because he's a great football player," Ditka said. "I don't think the Saints have had an identity football player, really, since Archie (Manning). He's the first marquee player this organization has had in a long time."

Now, which Williams lines up in the Saints' backfield? The one who crushed college opponents for 6,279 yards in four seasons at Texas or the one

who got chubby just in time for the scouting combine and staged a workout for doubting scouts that was only so-so in most minds?

If he's anywhere near what the Saints expect, their offense gets a tremendous boost. They were the NFL's worst rushing team last year.

The Saints figure they're better right away with **Billy Joe Hobert** back at quarterback. He was lost early to a leg injury and the club wound up starting three other quarterbacks, electing not to re-sign midseason pickup Kerry Collins. Hobert has a lot to prove. Behind him wait **Billy Joe Tolliver** and **Danny Wuerffel**.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	278.9	28
Rushing	82.8	30
Passing	196.1	18
Scoring	19.1	20T
Punt Returns	12.8	4
Kick Returns	21.9	17
Total Defense	354.3	26
Against Rush	106.3	16
Against Pass	248.0	30
Pts Allowed	22.4	21
Interceptions	21	4T
Sacks	48	6
Turnover Diff.	-1	16

Banking on Fast Eddie

The search for more speed outside resulted in a trade with St. Louis for receiver **Eddie Kennison**, who flashed as a rookie and then fell apart the last two seasons. Kennison might not be a better overall pass-catcher than Sean Dawkins (gone to Seattle), but he's faster. **Andre Hastings** returns on the other side and probably would not start for most teams.

The second-year tight end, **Cam Cleeland**, led the team in receptions as a rookie with 54 and also in receiving touchdowns (six). He has a great future.

Accompanying Williams in the backfield, assuming the Saints go with a two-back set, is fullback **Aaron Craver**, a versatile journeyman.

Paving Williams' way

The offensive line's development could be the key to Williams having a big season and Hobert staying healthy. It has the makings of a very good group. If center **Jerry Fontenot** is fully recovered from a knee injury, he starts and the other moves the

Coach Mike Ditka's legacy in New Orleans will be directly tied to the yards gained by rookie running back Ricky Williams (center) and the catches made by new receiver Eddie Kennison (right).



99 SAINTS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 3

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
							
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17
							



Veteran defensive tackle Wayne Martin has long been a fixture on one of the few areas of strength for the Saints, the defensive line.

Saints want to implement will make them better. Free-agent signee Wally Williams, who can also play center, will start at left guard. Solid pro William Roaf is back at left tackle. The first No. 1 pick of the Ditka Era, Chris Naeole, was lost most of his rookie year to injuries but showed signs he was catching on in '98. Kyle Turley, New Orleans' No. 1 pick last year, moves to right tackle, where he belongs. He'll be a good one.

Glover's golden on line

The Saints defense had a weird year. It produced big plays and no team scored more than New Orleans' 10 touchdowns on returns and recoveries. But the Saints also gave up yardage in huge chunks, finishing last in the league in pass defense and 26th overall. They should be better than that.

Right end Joe Johnson is a very good player and his presence helped make young La'Roi Glover a sudden star. Glover, the right tackle and a virtual unknown, led the team with 10 sacks. Veteran Wayne Martin, at left tackle, is solid but slowing a bit. The Saints could have used an upgrade at left end, where Jared Tomich will likely start ahead of Brady Smith. Neither is the answer.

The best of the Saints' linebackers is Mark Fields, on the right side. Kevin Mitchell played well before being injured and could return as the starter at middle linebacker, but the Saints could opt for on-the-job training for Chris Bordano. Keith Mitchell plays the strong side, but the Saints need help there.

Losing strong safety Chad Cota to Indianapolis as a free agent hurt the secondary. Sammy Knight, a ball hawk who started at free safety, can make the transition and replace Cota. That opens his position up for Rob Kelly. Left corner Alex Molden can play but right corner Tyrone Drakeford is best suited for the nickel.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Mike Ditka, Head Coach

Rick Venturi, Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers; Danny Abramowicz, Offensive Coordinator; Zaven Yarian, Defensive Coordinator; Bobby April, Special Teams; Tom Clements, Quarterbacks; Walt Corey, Defensive Line; Judd Garrett, Offensive Assistant; Harold Jackson, Wide Receivers; Larry Kuharich, Running Backs; Dan Neal, Tight Ends; Ned James, Defensive Assistant; Bill Meyers, Offensive Line; Mike Woicik, Strength and Conditioning; Markus Paul, Assistant Strength and Conditioning

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Tolliver, Billy Joe	QB	6-1	217	02/07/66	8 Texas Tech
12	Hobert, Billy Joe	QB	6-3	230	01/08/71	4 Washington
7	Wuerffel, Danny	QB	6-2	212	05/27/74	2 Florida
9	Delhomme, Jake	QB	6-2	205	01/10/75	0 Southwestern Louisiana

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
62	Fontenot, Jerry	C	6-3	290	11/21/66	10 Texas A&M
63	Williams, Wally	G	6-2	305	02/19/71	6 Florida A&M
77	Roaf, William	T	6-5	300	04/18/70	6 Louisiana Tech
69	Ackerman, Tom	C	6-3	290	09/06/72	3 Eastern Washington
76	Hills, Ken	G	6-6	305	06/13/73	3 Southwestern Louisiana
65	Naeole, Chris	G	6-4	300	12/25/74	2 Colorado
70	Scifres, Steve	T	6-4	300	01/22/72	2 Wyoming
68	Turley, Kyle	G	6-6	305	09/24/75	1 San Diego State

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
32	Craver, Aaron	RB	6-0	220	12/18/68	7 Fresno State
36	Smith, Lamar	RB	5-11	218	11/29/70	5 Houston
32	Philyaw, Dino	RB	5-10	203	10/06/70	2 Oregon
28	Davis, Troy	RB	5-8	181	09/14/75	2 Iowa State
33	Perry, Wilmont	RB	6-2	238	02/24/75	1 Livingstone

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
18	Stegall, Milt	WR	6-0	184	01/25/70	3 Miami (OH)
46	Gammon, Kendall	TE	6-4	288	10/23/68	7 Pittsburg State
88	Hastings, Andre	WR	6-1	190	11/07/70	6 Georgia
82	Floyd, Malcolm	WR	6-0	194	12/29/72	4 Fresno State
88	Kennison, Eddie	WR	6-0	195	01/20/73	3 Louisiana State
81	Slutzker, Scott	TE	6-4	254	12/20/72	3 Iowa
87	Farquhar, John	TE	6-6	240	03/22/72	3 Duke
89	Bech, Brett	WR	6-1	184	08/20/71	2 Louisiana State
83	Poole, Keith	WR	6-2	185	06/18/74	2 Arizona State
85	Cleeland, Cameron	TE	6-4	275	08/15/75	1 Washington
19	Johnson, Alonzo	WR	5-11	183	04/18/73	1 Central State
47	Wilcox, Josh	TE	6-3	251	06/05/74	1 Oregon

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
93	Martin, Wayne	DT	6-5	275	10/26/65	10 Arkansas
99	Sagapolutele, Pio	DT	6-6	297	11/28/69	7 San Diego State
79	Wilson, Troy	DE	6-4	250	11/22/70	4 Pittsburg State
95	Robbins, Austin	DT	6-6	290	03/01/71	5 North Carolina
94	Johnson, Joe	DE	6-4	270	07/11/72	5 Louisville
91	Smith, Brady	DE	6-5	260	06/05/73	3 Colorado State
97	Glover, La'Roi	DT	6-1	280	07/04/74	3 San Diego State
93	Halapin, Mike	DT	6-4	294	07/01/73	2 Pittsburgh
90	Tomich, Jared	DE	6-2	260	04/24/74	2 Nebraska
75	Pittman, Julian	DT	6-3	282	04/22/75	1 Florida State
70	Hamiter, Uhuru	DE	6-4	280	03/14/73	0 Delaware State

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
22	Drakeford, Tyrone	CB	5-9	185	06/21/71	5 Virginia Tech
25	Molden, Alex	CB	5-10	190	08/04/73	3 Oregon
30	Cherry, Je'Rod	S	6-0	196	05/30/73	3 California
24	Kelly, Rob	S	6-1	200	06/21/74	2 Ohio State
29	Knight, Sammy	S	6-0	205	09/10/75	2 Southern California
42	Williams, Armon	S	6-1	221	08/13/73	1 Arizona
23	Hewitt, Chris	S	6-0	210	07/22/74	2 Cincinnati
42	Weary, Fred	CB	5-10	177	04/12/74	1 Florida
20	Little, Earl	CB	6-0	191	03/10/73	1 Miami (FL)

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
52	Smith, Vinson	LB	6-2	248	07/03/65	10 East Carolina
50	Mitchell, Kevin	LB	6-1	260	01/01/71	5 Syracuse
55	Fields, Mark	LB	6-2	244	11/09/72	4 Washington State
59	Mitchell, Keith	LB	6-2	240	07/24/74	2 Texas A&M
54	Aleaga, Ink	LB	6-1	225	04/27/73	2 Washington
56	Bordano, Chris	LB	6-2	235	12/30/74	1 Southern Methodist
98	Warner, Ron	LB	6-3	230	09/26/75	1 Kansas

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
3	Royals, Mark	P	6-5	215	06/22/64	10 Appalachian State
10	Brien, Doug	K	6-0	180	11/24/70	5 California

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	5	Williams, Ricky	RB	6-0	225	05/21/77	Texas

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 6, Lost 10

DATE		SCORE	
09/06	W	24-17	at St. Louis
09/13	W	19-14	Carolina
09/27	W	19-13	at Indianapolis
10/04	L	27-30	New England
10/11	L	0-31	San Francisco
10/18	L	23-31	at Atlanta
10/25	W	9-3	Tampa Bay
11/01	L	17-31	at Carolina
11/08	L	24-31	at Minnesota
11/15	W	24-3	St. Louis
11/22	L	20-31	at S. Francisco
11/29	L	10-30	at Miami
12/06	W	22-3	Dallas
12/13	L	17-27	Atlanta
12/20	L	17-19	at Arizona
12/27	L	33-45	Buffalo

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Smith	138	457	3.3	33	1
Craver	45	180	4.0	25	2
Zellars	56	162	2.9	15	1
Davis	55	143	2.6	14	1
Perry	30	122	4.1	19	0
Collins	23	113	4.9	20	1
Wuerffel	11	60	5.5	18	0
Tolliver	11	43	3.9	16	0
Hastings	3	32	10.7	16	0
Hobert	2	13	6.5	14	0

Team	374	1325	3.5	33	6
Opponents	467	1700	3.6	61	13

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Cleeland	54	684	12.7	53	6
Dawkins	53	823	15.5	64	1
Hastings	35	455	13.0	89	3
Craver	33	214	6.5	49	2
Poole	24	509	21.2	82	2
Smith	24	249	10.4	35	2
Davis	16	99	6.2	19	0
Bech	14	264	18.9	72	3
Guliford	10	124	12.4	24	0
Zellars	10	50	5.0	14	0
Farquhar	1	13	13.0	13	0
Johnson	1	8	8.0	8	0
Perry	1	2	2.0	2	0
Slutzker	1	10	10.0	10	0
Wilcox	1	10	10.0	10	0

Team	278	3514	12.6	89	19
Opponents	328	4256	13.0	81	24

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Tolliver	198	110	1427	8	4
Collins	191	94	1202	4	10
Wuerffel	119	62	695	5	5
Hobert	23	11	170	1	0
Smith	2	1	20	1	0
Craver	1	0	0	0	0

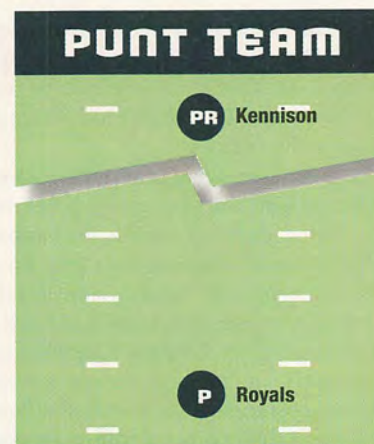
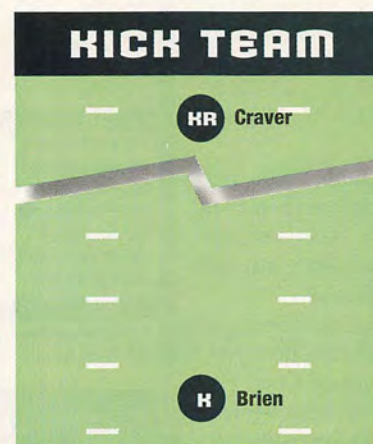
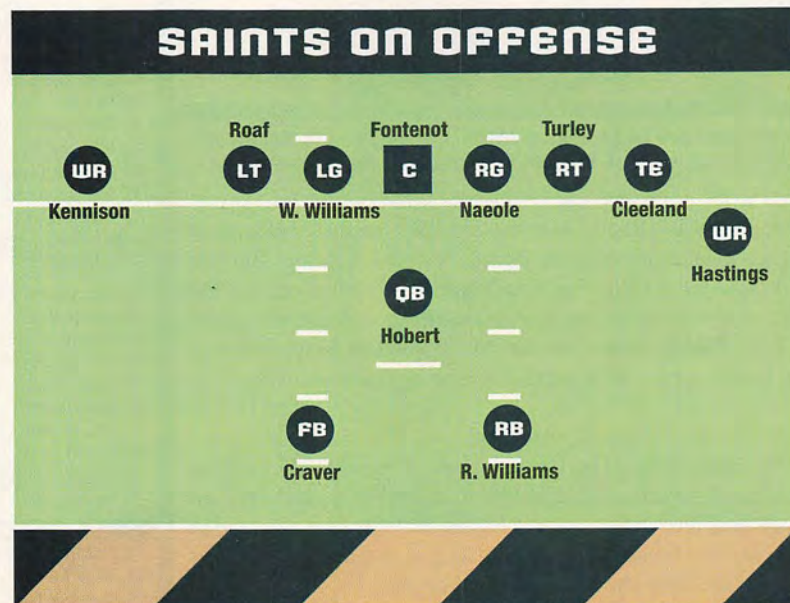
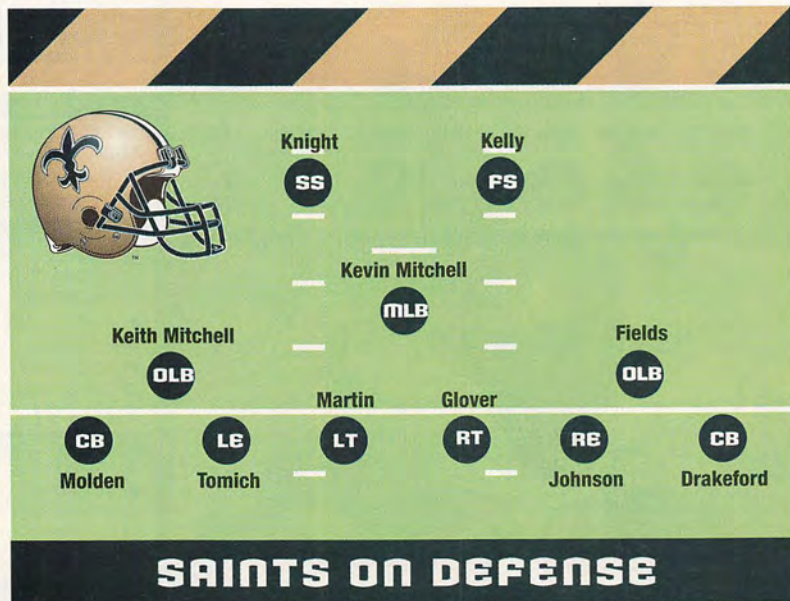
Team	534	278	3514	19	19
Opponents	539	328	4256	24	21

SACKS

Glover 10.0, Johnson 7.0, Fields 6.0, Tomich 6.0, Martin 3.0, Keith Mitchell 2.5, Kevin Mitchell 2.5, Cherry 2.0, Cota 2.0, Hewitt 2.0, Aleaga 1.0, Bordano 1.0, Robbins 1.0, Wilson 1.0

Team 47.0, Opponents 57.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS





Vermeil turns to Marshall plan with hopes of reviving stagnant Rams.

Give the St. Louis Rams credit for not standing still. Consecutive 4-12 seasons clearly convinced coach Dick Vermeil and the front office to make radical changes in recasting their roster, with the intent of squeezing some production out of a bogged-down offense.

They signed **Trent Green** away from Washington to be their quarterback, traded incumbent Tony Banks and receiver Eddie Kennison, chose not to pursue free-agent tackle Wayne Gandy, traded for running back **Marshall Faulk** and used their No. 1 pick, sixth overall, on receiver **Torry Holt**. They used every possible avenue and now the question is: How well?

Banks' bust leads to Green

Green, an afterthought on the Redskins' roster when '98 dawned, emerged from a fractured pack to become the starter and showed decent poise playing for a team that usually trailed and had no offensive line. But when the Redskins, caught up in their ownership dispute, made Green a low-ball offer to retain him, he bolted for his hometown and a contract worth \$4 million a year.

How he will respond to the pressures of being No. 1 from the first day of training camp on, and

how well he assimilates to a new system, are the two most important questions he'll need to answer. Banks had big problems holding on to the football. Green did not show sure hands with Washington, and that's of critical importance to the coaching staff. The Rams also have no depth at this position with Banks gone.

Running game is all Faulk

Faulk had a terrific season for Indianapolis, both rushing and receiving, but had let the Colts know he wanted his contract, which had two years remaining, renegotiated. He also threatened to hold out. So the Colts accepted two draft picks (a second and a fifth), which hardly seemed commensurate with his value, to pack him off to the Rams. Assuming he's placated with market-value dollars, Faulk gives the Rams the versatile, every-down back they've been chasing with numerous drafts (Lawrence Phillips, Robert Holcombe, June Henley). **Derrick Harris** is the closest thing to a full-back the Rams have, and **Amp Lee** comes in on third down.

the numbers

team stats & league rank

Total Offense	279.5	27
Rushing	86.6	29
Passing	192.9	22
Scoring	17.8	24
Punt Returns	10.1	18
Kick Returns	21.6	18T
Total Defense	305.0	10
Against Rush	128.1	24
Against Pass	176.9	3
Pts Allowed	23.6	24T
Interceptions	16	17T
Sacks	50	3T
Turnover Diff.	-10	27

Defensive end Kevin Carter, the Rams' MVP last season, recorded a career-high 12 sacks in 1998.

Holt-Bruce combo has potential

If Holt is as good as his press clippings and **Isaac Bruce's** troublesome hamstring stops nagging at him, the Rams look OK. When healthy, Bruce is devastating, but he caught just one touchdown pass last season and only 32 passes total. Holt, a product of N.C. State, is a playmaker with good hands and generally well-developed skills. **Az Hakim** looks like the No. 3 receiver. Tight end **Ernie Conwell** fought through a bunch of injuries last year.

The offensive line gets a little reshuffling. **Orlando Pace** remains at left tackle and continues to grow into a difficult job. The Rams signed **Adam Timmerman** from Green Bay and will play the solid veteran at right guard. **Mike Gruttadauria** is the center, with **Ryan Tucker** pushing for playing time. With the release of franchise player **Zach Wiegert**, who signed with Jacksonville, free agent pickup **Andy McCollum** is the new left guard and **Fred Miller** moves in at right tackle for Gandy.

Much of the debate in the Rams' war room on draft day centered on whether they should take a defensive player with the pick they used on Holt.



99 RAMS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 2

WEEK 1	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
							
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17
							



The St. Louis offense received a major makeover in the offseason with the additions of quarterback Trent Green (left) and former Colts rushing star Marshall Faulk.

Vermeil quashed that concept with a simple declaration: "We need to score points." So the changes on defense came mostly through free agency.

Carter, Agnew lead 'D' ticket

The lineup up front stays pretty much the same. Kevin Carter, a decent pass rusher, starts at left end. Ray Agnew exceeded expectations at left defensive tackle in his first year with the club. D'Marco Farr, a leader in the huddle, plays next to Agnew. The Rams lost right end Mike Jones as a free agent but needed to get Grant Wistrom, their No. 1 pick last year, into the lineup. Wistrom's not a bulky guy and could be vulnerable against the run. That's not a good thing, as the Rams ranked 24th last season against the run.

The Rams' "other" Mike Jones returns at left linebacker. The middle is a muddle; Eric Hill wasn't the answer and was released. London Fletcher could nail down the job, but Lorenzo Styles is the nominal starter going to training camp. And on the right side, Roman Phifer left to sign with the New York Jets, so the Rams landed Todd Collins (ex-New England).

Steady Todd Lyght is back at left cornerback, but Ryan McNeil, who held out last year for a big contract, tried his luck again in free agency and didn't have much, even with the Rams. They'll go with Dexter McCleon while they bring along second-round pick Dre' Bly.

Devin Bush, signed away from Atlanta, is a former No. 1 pick who could start at strong safety but he'll have to beat out Billy Jenkins. Bush could also wind up at free safety, where Keith Lyle is fading. If Toby Wright returns from injuries, he could play strong safety and Bush could supplant Lyle at free.

ST. LOUIS RAMS

Dick Vermeil, Head Coach

Lynn Stiles, Vice President/Football Operations; Peter Giunta, Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator; Mike White, Assistant Head Coach/Quarterbacks; John Bunting, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers; Todd Howard, Defensive Assistant; Steve Brown, Secondary; Chris Clausen, Strength and Conditioning; Al Saunders, Wide Receivers; Frank Gansz, Special Teams/Offensive Assistant; Jim Hanifan, Offensive Line; Carl Hairston, Defensive Line; Wilbert Montgomery, Running Backs; John Ramsdell, Offensive Assistant/Quality Control

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
10	Green, Trent	QB 6-3	213	07/09/70	2	Indiana
	Warner, Kurt	QB 6-2	220	06/22/71	1	Northern Iowa
#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
63	Flannery, John	C 6-3	304	01/13/69	6	Syracuse
67	McCollum, Andy	C 6-4	295	06/02/70	4	Toledo
63	Timmerman, Adam	G 6-4	295	08/14/71	4	South Dakota State
73	Miller, Fred	G 6-7	306	02/06/73	3	Baylor
60	Gruttaduria, Mike	C 6-3	295	12/06/72	3	Central Florida
77	Brooks, Ethan	T 6-6	290	04/27/72	2	Williams
76	Pace, Orlando	T 6-7	334	11/04/75	2	Ohio State
50	Tucker, Ryan	C 6-5	285	06/12/75	2	Texas Christian
68	McKinney, Jeremy	T 6-6	295	01/06/76	0	Iowa
#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
31	Lee, Amp	RB 5-11	197	10/01/71	7	Florida State
28	Faulk, Marshall	RB 5-10	211	02/26/73	5	San Diego State
27	Hill, Greg	RB 5-11	207	02/23/72	5	Texas A&M
44	Moore, Jerald	RB 5-9	229	11/20/74	3	Oklahoma
33	Harris, Derrick	RB 6-0	250	08/18/72	2	Miami (FL)
26	Henley, June	RB 5-10	210	09/04/75	1	Kansas
28	Thompson, David	RB 5-8	196	01/13/75	2	Oklahoma State
25	Holcombe, Robert	RB 6-0	210	12/11/75	1	Illinois
#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
87	Proehl, Ricky	WR 6-1	190	03/07/68	9	Wake Forest
17	Knox, Kevin	WR 6-2	199	01/30/71	1	Florida State
80	Bruce, Isaac	WR 6-0	186	11/10/72	5	Memphis
83	Thomas, J.T.	WR 5-10	182	07/11/71	4	Arizona State
49	Lewis, Chad	TE 6-6	253	10/05/71	2	Brigham Young
46	Jacoby, Mitch	TE 6-4	260	12/08/73	2	Northern Illinois
16	Sellers, Donald	WR 6-0	185	12/30/74	0	New Mexico
81	Hakim, Az-zahir	WR 5-10	175	06/03/77	1	San Diego State
86	Williams, Roland	TE 6-4	268	04/27/75	1	Syracuse
82	Horne, Tony	WR 5-9	173	03/21/76	1	Clemson
#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
66	Phillips, Joe	DT 6-5	310	07/15/63	13	Southern Methodist
99	Agnew, Ray	DT 6-3	285	12/09/67	9	North Carolina State
90	Zgonina, Jeff	DT 6-1	285	05/24/70	6	Purdue
94	Robinson, Jeff	DE 6-4	265	02/20/70	6	Idaho
75	Farr, D'Marco	DT 6-1	280	06/09/71	5	Washington
96	Williams, Jay	DE 6-3	280	10/13/71	4	Wake Forest
93	Carter, Kevin	DE 6-5	280	09/21/73	4	Florida
95	Sears, Corey	DT 6-3	300	04/15/73	1	Mississippi State
98	Wistrom, Grant	DE 6-5	255	07/03/76	1	Nebraska
#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
41	Lyght, Todd	CB 6-0	189	02/09/69	8	Notre Dame
25	Bush, Devin	S 5-11	210	07/03/73	4	Florida State
24	Carpenter, Ron	S 6-1	203	01/20/70	4	Miami (OH)
32	Wright, Toby	S 5-11	215	11/19/70	5	Nebraska
35	Lyle, Keith	S 6-2	204	04/17/72	5	Virginia
21	McCleon, Dexter	CB 5-10	196	10/09/73	2	Clemson
20	Allen, Taje	CB 5-10	185	11/06/73	2	Texas
22	Jenkins, Billy	S 5-10	205	07/08/74	2	Howard
#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
52	Jones, Mike	LB 6-1	230	04/15/69	8	Missouri
59	Collins, Todd	LB 6-2	242	05/27/70	6	Carson-Newman
56	Clemons, Charlie	LB 6-2	257	07/04/72	2	Georgia
53	Hesse, Jon	LB 6-4	250	06/06/73	1	Nebraska
59	Fletcher, London	LB 6-0	241	05/19/75	1	John Carroll
55	Ward, Phillip	LB 6-2	226	11/11/74	1	UCLA
#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
11	Tuten, Rick	P 6-2	221	01/05/65	10	Florida State
14	Wilkins, Jeff	K 6-2	192	04/19/72	5	Youngstown State

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
1	6	Holt, Torrey	WR	6-1	193	06/05/76	North Carolina State
2	41	Bly, Dre'	CB	5-10	195	05/22/77	North Carolina
3	68	Coady, Rich	S	6-1	200	01/26/76	Texas A&M
4	101	Germaine, Joe	QB	6-2	205	08/11/75	Ohio State
5	145	Spikes, Cameron	G	6-3	300	11/06/76	Texas A&M
6	176	Barnes, Lionel	DE	6-7	240	04/19/76	Northeast Louisiana
7	252	Williams, Rodney	P	6-1	198	04/25/77	Georgia Tech

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 4, Lost 12

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	L 17-24	New Orleans
09/13	L 31-38	Minnesota
09/20	W 34-33	at Buffalo
09/27	L 17-20	Arizona
10/11	W 30-10	NY Jets
10/18	L 0-14	at Miami
10/25	L 10-28	San Francisco
11/01	L 15-37	at Atlanta
11/08	W 20-12	at Chicago
11/15	L 3-24	at New Orleans
11/22	L 20-24	Carolina
11/29	L 10-21	Atlanta
12/03	L 14-17	at Philadelphia
12/13	W 32-18	New England
12/20	L 13-20	at Carolina
12/27	L 19-38	at S. Francisco

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Henley	88	313	3.6	22	3
Hill	40	240	6.0	46	4
Holcombe	98	230	2.3	12	2
Lee	44	175	4.0	38	2
Banks	40	156	3.9	19	3
Moore	55	137	2.5	18	2
Harris	14	38	2.7	15	0
Hakim	2	30	15.0	34	1
Bruce	1	30	30.0	30	0
Proehl	1	14	14.0	14	0
Bono	10	13	1.3	7	0
Kennison	2	9	4.5	9	0
Team	395	1385	3.5	46	17
Opponents	479	2049	4.3	74	11

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Lee	64	667	10.4	44	2
Proehl	60	771	12.9	47	3
Henley	35	252	7.2	43	0
Bruce	32	457	14.3	80	1
Hakim	20	247	12.4	22	1
Thomas	20	287	14.4	42	0
Kennison	17	234	13.8	45	1
Conwell	15	105	7.0	13	0
Williams	15	144	9.6	33	1
Harris	12	57	4.8	8	2
Moore	9	60	6.7	14	0
Armstrong	6	54	9.0	20	0
Holcombe	6	34	5.7	14	0
Flannery	1	2	2.0	2	0
Hill	1	6	6.0	6	0
Robinson	1	4	4.0	4	1
Team	314	3381	10.8	80	12
Opponents	256	3180	12.4	68	28

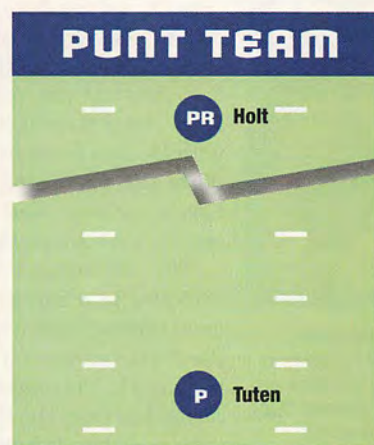
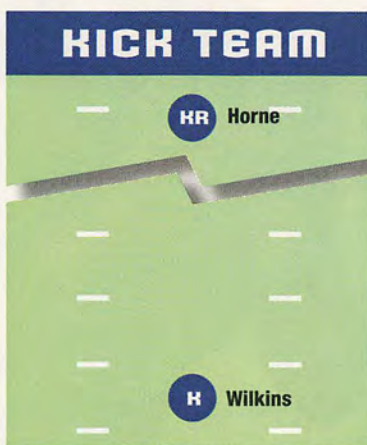
PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Banks	408	241	2535	7	14
Bono	136	69	807	5	4
Warner	11	4	39	0	0
Tuten	1	0	0	0	0
Team	556	314	3381	12	18
Opponents	475	256	3180	28	16

SACKS

Carter 12.0, Farr 7.0, Phifer 6.5, Agnew 5.0, Jenkins 3.0, Mike A. Jones 3.0, Wistrom 3.0, Mike Jones 2.5, Clemons 2.0, Lyght 1.5, Hill 1.0, Lyle 1.0, Williams 1.0, Wright 1.0, Little 0.5

Team 50.0, Opponents 47.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS





Where to start rebuilding? Seifert helps Panthers begin counting the ways.

The Carolina Panthers came into the NFL in 1995 as an expansion team and escaped the growing pains associated in the past with those difficult births. In just their second season they challenged for the NFC title.

They're more than one game away from the Super Bowl now. All the misery they avoided in their formative days was visited upon them last year and much more seems in store.

Identity crisis

The meticulous Dom Capers? Gone. Kerry Collins? Gone. Blake Brockermeyer? Gone. The 3-4 defense that popularized the zone blitz? Gone. No one thought the Panthers were built for the long term, but they failed to survive the short term.

Making this team competitive again falls to George Seifert, the former San Francisco coach who won two Super Bowls as the 49ers' head man. He was, ironically enough, forced out of his job when the Panthers unseated the 49ers as NFC West champions in 1996. Seifert, who crafted excellent defenses with the 49ers when he worked for Bill Walsh, has more than enough work to do in renovating and revitalizing the Panthers, who ranked last overall in 1998.

The offensive backfield returns intact. **Steve Beuerlein**, who replaced Collins last year, played well considering the devastated line and the change in offensive systems. He's experienced but not a top-tier quarterback. An offseason trade with Denver brought Carolina the promising **Jeff Lewis**, but he missed all of last season with an injury.

The oft-injured **Tim Biakabutuka** can be a good running back if the Panthers can keep him healthy. He had only 101 carries last year. The Panthers need him to handle 20

carries a game if they are going to take the pressure off their quarterback and also off their defense. **Fred Lane**, who showed so much as a rookie, was wildly erratic and at times out of control last year. Fullback **William Floyd** had his best years with San Francisco under Seifert but hasn't been the same since wrecking his knee.

Rocket lands in Dallas

The Panthers lost wide receiver **Raghib "Rocket" Ismail** as a free agent to Dallas just as he began to live up to his lifelong billing. **Rae Carruth**, hurt much of last year, must step up. He has the speed to be a deep threat, but he's not an out-and-out burner. **Muhsin Muhammad** has good size and showed last year he can run pretty well after a catch, but he, too, has had a tough time with injuries. **Donald Hayes**, going into his second year, will be counted on to develop some consistency. The Panthers also signed **Patrick Jeffers** away from Dallas.

Tight end **Wesley Walls**, another former 49er, had a down year because of injuries. He was a money receiver for the Panthers in the past. Effective passing to the tight end is critical to the West Coast offense.

Holes in the O-line

The offensive line is very much in flux after the loss of Brockermeyer to Chicago.

Second-round pick **Chris Terry** played right tackle at Georgia but could win the starting job on the left side here. He was 291 pounds at the scouting combine, lightest of any offensive tackle, but the Panthers think he can be a legitimate 310 pounds by training camp.

If Terry succeeds, then free-agent pickup

Veteran QB Steve Beuerlein set team records in completions and TD passes in '98.

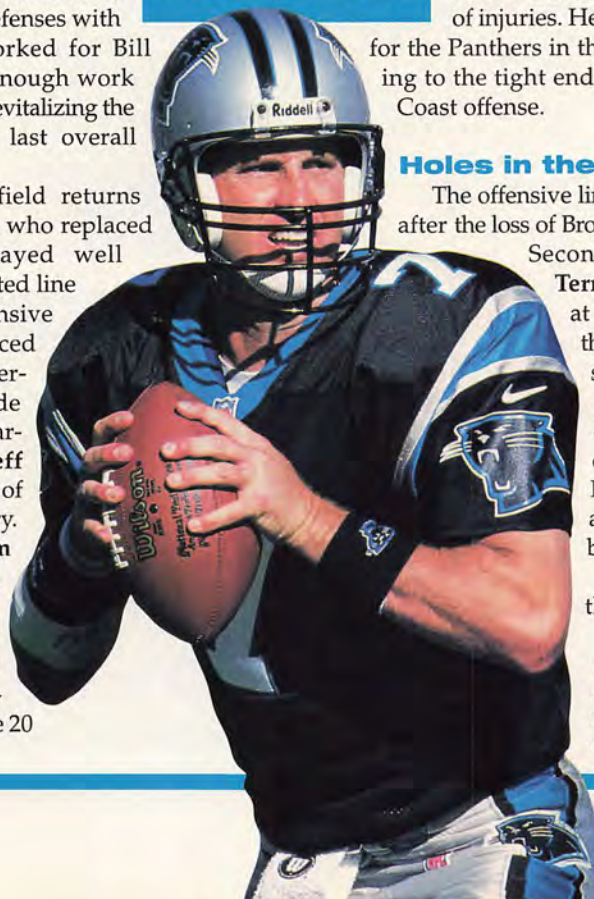
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team stats & league rank

Total Offense	298.8	20
Rushing	91.1	28
Passing	207.6	14
Scoring	21.0	12
Punt Returns	10.5	14
Kick Returns	24.1	8
Total Defense	365.1	30
Against Rush	133.3	26
Against Pass	231.8	28
Pts Allowed	25.8	27
Interceptions	19	10T
Sacks	37	19T
Turnover Diff.	-2	17T



The Panthers need steadiness from WR Muhsin Muhammad (top) and leading rusher Fred Lane.



99 PANTHERS SCHEDULE

shaded boxes indicate home games BYE WEEK = WEEK 5

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9
WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17	



With new coach George Seifert switching from 3-4 to 4-3 defense, Kevin Greene is being asked to accept a different role in Carolina.

Clarence Jones will play right tackle. That's where he played last year for New Orleans. If Jones plays the left side, Norberto Davidds-Garrido would play right tackle.

The addition of Rogers pretty much guarantees that Matthew Campbell plays left guard. Frank Garcia is the center. Anthony Redmon figures at right guard after replacing Corbin Lacina last year and playing fairly well in the late going. Bryan Stoltenberg backs up at center and guard.

The defense is the classic work in progress, especially up front. Jason Peter, the late-signing No. 1 pick last year, should step in and start at left end. Tim Morabito is the left tackle. Sean Gilbert, acquired last year from Washington at the cost of two No. 1 picks, looks like he'll be playing right tackle instead of end. Chuck Wiley is the starter at right end.

Makeovers by Seifert

The linebacker corps gets a complete makeover. Kevin Greene, the ace pass rusher, really doesn't fit the new scheme and it is uncertain whether he and his team-leading 15 sacks will be back. Donta Jones will play the strong side. Free agent Steve Tovar will start in the middle. He's tough inside. Holdover Micheal Barrow plays the weak side.

Cornerback Doug Evans, a prized free agent last year, played poorly before breaking his hand. Steady Eric Davis plays the left side and brings passion and intensity to his preparation. Free safety Brent Alexander plays the run pretty well but he's not a guy with great catch-up speed in coverage. Strong safety Mike Minter is a good hitter.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

George Seifert, Head Coach
John Marshall, Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator; Gil Haskell, Offensive Coordinator;
Don Breaux, Tight Ends; Jacob Burney, Defensive Line; Chick Harris, Running Backs;
Sam Mills, Linebackers; Bill Musgrave, Quarterbacks; Scott O'Brien, Special Teams;
Jerry Simmons, Strength and Conditioning; Bob Valesente, Defensive Backs;
Richard Williamson, Wide Receivers; Tony Wise, Offensive Line

#	QUARTERBACK	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
7	Beuerlein, Steve	QB 6-3	220	03/07/65	10	Notre Dame
13	Bono, Steve	QB 6-4	215	05/11/62	13	UCLA
8	Lewis, Jeff	QB 6-2	217	04/17/73	2	Northern Arizona
16	Craig, Dameyune	QB 6-1	205	04/19/74	0	Auburn

#	OFFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
74	Jones, Clarence	T 6-6	280	05/06/68	8	Maryland
64	Lacina, Corbin	G 6-4	297	11/02/70	5	Augustana (SD)
61	Redmon, Anthony	G 6-4	308	04/09/71	5	Auburn
65	Garcia, Frank	G 6-2	302	01/28/72	4	Washington
66	Campbell, Matthew	G 6-4	290	07/14/72	4	South Carolina
76	Davidds-Garrido, N.	T 6-5	308	10/04/72	3	Southern California
67	Stoltenberg, Bryan	C 6-1	293	08/25/72	3	Colorado
60	Greeley, Paul	C 6-2	280	07/30/72	1	Penn State
73	Wilson, Jamie	T 6-1	283	06/06/73	0	Marshall
79	Bohlinger, Rob	T 6-9	310	06/14/75	1	Wyoming
74	Janus, Paul	G 6-4	294	03/17/75	1	Northwestern

#	RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
23	Johnson, Anthony	RB 6-0	225	10/25/67	9	Notre Dame
40	Floyd, William	RB 6-1	242	02/17/72	5	Florida State
34	Dulaney, Mike	RB 6-0	245	09/09/70	4	North Carolina
21	Biakabutuka, Tim	RB 6-0	215	01/24/74	3	Michigan
20	Oliver, Winslow	RB 5-7	180	03/03/73	3	New Mexico
44	Hetherington, Chris	RB 6-2	233	11/27/72	3	Yale
32	Lane, Fred	RB 5-10	205	09/06/75	2	Lane

#	RECEIVERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
85	Walls, Wesley	TE 6-5	250	02/26/66	9	Mississippi
89	Kinchen, Todd	WR 5-11	187	01/07/69	7	Louisiana State
82	Bates, Michael	WR 5-10	189	12/19/69	6	Arizona
87	Muhammad, Muhsin	WR 6-2	220	05/05/73	3	Michigan State
81	Jeffers, Patrick	WR 6-3	217	02/02/73	3	Virginia
89	Carruth, Rae	WR 5-11	194	01/20/74	2	Colorado
86	Mangum, Kris	TE 6-4	249	08/15/73	2	Mississippi
84	Broughton, Luther	TE 6-1	248	11/30/74	1	Furman
88	Kinchen, Brian	TE 6-2	240	08/06/65	11	Louisiana State
88	Hayes, Donald	WR 6-5	198	07/13/75	1	Wisconsin
	Turner, Jim	WR 6-4	205	11/13/75	0	Syracuse

#	DEFENSIVE LINE	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
94	Gilbert, Sean	DE 6-5	303	04/10/70	6	Pittsburgh
96	Edwards, Antonio	DE 6-3	271	03/10/70	6	Valdosta State
59	Jones, Ernest	DE 6-2	255	04/01/71	4	Oregon
90	Morabito, Tim	NT 6-3	288	10/12/73	3	Boston College
71	Terry, Rick	DT 6-4	290	04/05/74	2	North Carolina
97	Peter, Jason	DE 6-5	285	09/13/74	1	Nebraska
	Wiley, Chuck	DT 6-5	274	03/06/75	0	Louisiana State
	Marrow, Mitch	DT 6-5	280	07/16/75	0	Pennsylvania

#	DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
29	Lofton, Steve	CB 5-9	177	11/26/68	7	Texas A&M
25	Davis, Eric	CB 5-11	185	01/26/68	9	Jacksonville State
37	Wheeler, Leonard	CB 6-0	198	01/15/69	6	Troy State
33	Evans, Doug	CB 6-1	190	05/13/70	6	Louisiana Tech
46	Alexander, Brent	S 5-10	184	07/10/71	5	Tennessee State
37	Scurlock, Mike	S 5-10	199	02/26/72	4	Arizona
28	Mullen, Roderick	CB 6-1	204	12/05/72	3	Grambling
43	Bolden, Juran	CB 6-2	201	06/27/74	3	Mississippi Delta
29	Lyons, Lamar	S 6-3	210	03/25/73	2	Washington
30	Minter, Mike	S 5-10	190	01/15/74	2	Nebraska
36	Veland, Tony	S 6-0	205	03/11/73	2	Nebraska
39	Richardson, Damien	S 6-2	207	03/03/76	1	Arizona State

#	LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
91	Greene, Kevin	LB 6-3	247	07/31/62	14	Auburn
56	Tovar, Steve	LB 6-3	244	04/25/70	6	Ohio State
95	Wells, Dean	LB 6-3	248	07/20/70	6	Kentucky
56	Barrow, Micheal	LB 6-2	236	04/19/70	6	Miami (FL)
54	Jones, Donta	LB 6-2	226	08/27/72	4	Nebraska
53	Conley, Steve	LB 6-5	235	01/18/72	3	Arkansas
59	Manuel, Sam	LB 6-2	235	12/01/73	0	New Mexico State
50	Tatum, Kinnon	LB 6-0	224	07/19/75	2	Notre Dame
53	Jensen, Jerry	LB 6-2	230	02/26/75	1	Washington
54	Reid, Spencer	LB 6-1	247	02/08/76	1	Brigham Young

#	KICKERS	HT	WT	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE
4	Kasay, John	K 5-10	198	10/27/69	8	Georgia
8	Wilmsmeyer, Klaus	P 6-1	210	12/04/67	6	Louisville
13	Walter, Ken	P 6-1	195	08/15/72	2	Kent

*roster as of May 14

1999 DRAFTTEES

RD	PICK	NAME	POS	HT	WT	BORN	COLLEGE
2	34	Terry, Chris	T	6-5	285	08/08/75	Georgia
2	38	Rucker, Mike	DE	6-6	250	02/28/75	Nebraska
4	100	Naves, Hannibal	LB	6-3	245	07/19/77	Colorado
6	175	Daniel, Robert	DE	6-6	270	10/19/75	Northwestern State
7	211	Booth, Tony	S	6-1	195	08/03/75	James Madison

1998 FINAL STATS

Won 4, Lost 12

DATE	SCORE	
09/06	L 14-19	Atlanta
09/13	L 14-19	at New Orleans
09/27	L 30-37	Green Bay
10/04	L 23-51	at Atlanta
10/11	L 20-27	at Dallas
10/18	L 13-16	at Tampa Bay
10/25	L 14-30	Buffalo
11/01	W 31-17	New Orleans
11/08	L 23-25	at S. Francisco
11/15	L 9-13	Miami
11/22	W 24-20	at St. Louis
11/29	L 21-48	at NY Jets
12/06	L 28-31	San Francisco
12/13	L 25-28	Washington
12/20	W 20-13	St. Louis
12/27	W 27-19	at Indianapolis

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Lane	205	717	3.5	31	5
Biakabutuka	101	427	4.2	41	3
Johnson	36	135	3.8	21	0
Floyd	28	71	2.5	7	3
Ismail	3	42	14.0	36	0
Collins	7	40	5.7	16	0
Beuerlein	22	26	1.2	13	0
Walter	3	0	0.0	0	0
Team	405	1458	3.6	41	11
Opponents	491	2133	4.3	71	14

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Ismail	69	1024	14.8	62	8
Muhammad	68	941	13.8	72	6
Walls	49	506	10.3	30	5
Johnson	27	242	9.0	38	1
Floyd	24	123	5.1	20	1
Carrier	19	301	15.8	42	2
Lane	12	85	7.1	16	0
Biakabutuka	8	138	17.3	42	1
Broughton	6	142	23.7	68	1
Carruth	4	59	14.8	47	0
Hayes	3	62	20.7	35	0
Collins	1	-11	-11.0	-11	0
Mangum	1	5	5.0	5	0
Stone	1	7	7.0	7	0
Team	292	3624	12.4	72	25
Opponents	298	3937	13.2	82	30

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT
Beuerlein	343	216	2613	17	12
Collins	162	76	1011	8	5
Floyd	1	0	0	0	1
Walter	1	0	0	0	0
Team	507	292	3624	25	18
Opponents	501	298	3937	30	19

SACKS

Greene 15.0, Gilbert 6.0, Barrow 4.0, Brady 4.0, Terry 2.0, Davis 1.0, Fox 1.0, Jones 1.0, Lloyd 1.0, McGill 1.0, Peter 1.0

Team 37.0, Opponents 54.0

1999 PROJECTED STARTERS

PANTHERS ON DEFENSE

PANTHERS ON OFFENSE

KICK TEAM

PUNT TEAM

FREE AGENT MOVEMENT INDEX

Free Agents Who Have Signed with New Teams

PLAYER	POS	OLD	NEW
Alexander, Derrick	DE	Min	Cle
Asher, Jamie	TE	Was	Phi
Atwater, Steve	S	Den	NYJ
Ball, Jerry	DT	Min	Cle
Bennett, Cornelius	LB	Atl	Ind
Bentley, Scott	K	TB	Bal
Berti, Tony	T	Sea	Den
Bieniemy, Eric	RB	Cin	Phi
Bishop, Greg	G	NYG	Atl
Bono, Steve	QB	STL	Car
Brady, Kyle	TE	NYJ	Jac
Bratzke, Chad	DE	NYG	Ind
Brice, Will	P	—	GB
Brockmeyer, Blake	T	Car	Chi
Brooks, Barrett	T	Phi	Det
Broussard, Steve	RB	Sea	Bal
Brown, Anthony	OL	Cin	Pit
Brown, Jamie	OT	SF	Was
Brown, Larry	S	—	Dal
Brown, Lomas	OT	Ari	Cle
Brown, Orlando	OT	Bal	Cle
Burns, Keith	LB	Den	Chi
Burrough, John	DE	Atl	Min
Burroughs, Sammie	LB	Ind	Mia
Bush, Devin	S	Atl	STL
Calloway, Chris	WR	NYG	Atl
Carter, Dale	CB	KC	Den
Carter, Marty	S	Chi	Atl
Case, Stoney	QB	Ari	Ind
Collins, Kerry	QB	NO	NYG
Collins, Todd	LB	NE	STL
Cook, Anthony	DE	Ten	Was
Coryatt, Quentin	LB	—	Dal
Cota, Chad	SS	NO	Ind
Crockett, Zack	RB	Jac	Oak
Crumpler, Carlester	TE	Sea	Min
Cunningham, T.J.	S	—	Phi
Davis, Travis	S	Jac	Pit
Dawkins, Sean	WR	NO	Sea
DeLong, Greg	TE	Min	Bal
DeMarco, Brian	OL	Jac	Cin
Duff, Jamal	DE	Was	Chi
Edwards, Antonio	DE	Atl	Car
Elliott, Matt	OL	DNP	Den
Evans, Chuck	RB	Min	Bal
Fiedler, Jay	QB	Min	Jac
Fisk, Jason	DT	Min	Ten
Franklin, Kevin	CB	Oak	Det
Frederick, Mike	DE	Bal	NYJ
Fredrickson, Rob	LB	Det	Ari
Frerotte, Gus	QB	Was	Det
Friesz, John	QB	Sea	NE
Fuller, Corey	DB	Min	Cle
Gandy, Wayne	T	STL	Pit
Gannon, Rich	QB	KC	Oak
Gardocki, Chris	P	Ind	Cle
George, Jeff	QB	Oak	Min
Gibson, Oliver	DT	Pit	Cin
Goodwin, Hunter	TE	Min	Mia
Graham, Jeff	WR	Phi	SD
Gray, Carlton	CB	NYG	KC
Green, Eric	TE	Bal	NYJ
Green, Trent	QB	Was	STL
Hauck, Tim	S	Ind	Phi
Hill, Eric	LB	STL	SD
Holland, Darius	NT	Det	Cle
Hollinquest, Lamont	LB	GB	KC
Holmes, Darick	RB	GB	Ind
Hudson, Chris	S	Jac	Chi
Husted, Michael	K	TB	Oak
Isaia, Sale	G	Bal	Ind
Ismail, Qadry	WR	NO	Bal
Ismail, Raghib	WR	Car	Dal
Jackson, Raymond	CB	Buf	Cle

PLAYER	POS	OLD	NEW
Jeffers, Patrick	WR	Dal	Car
Jeffries, Greg	CB	Det	Mia
Jervy, Travis	RB	GB	SF
Johnson, Charles	WR	Pit	Phi
Johnson, Lee	P	Cin	NE
Johnson, Lonnie	TE	Buf	KC
Johnson, Taj	WR	GB	Den
Jones, Clarence	T	NO	Car
Jones, Donta	LB	Pit	Car
Jones, James	DT	Bal	Det
Jones, Mike	DE	STL	Ten
Jurkovic, John	DT	Jac	Cle
Kanell, Danny	QB	NYG	Atl
Kinchen, Brian	TE	Bal	Car
Kinchen, Todd	WR	Atl	Car
King, Shawn	DE	Car	Ind
Kirby, Terry	RB	SF	Cle
Kopp, Jeff	LB	Bal	Bal
Kuberski, Bob	DT	GB	Atl
Lake, Carnell	CB-S	Pit	Jac
Landeta, Sean	P	GB	Phi
Lewis, Thomas	WR	Chi	SD
Martin, Tony	WR	Atl	Mia
Matthews, Shane	QB	Car	Chi
McBurrows, Gerald	S	STL	Atl
McCollum, Andy	C	NO	STL
McDaniels, Pellom	LB	KC	Atl
McGill, Lenny	DB	Car	Sea
McKenzie, Raleigh	G	SD	GB
Milanovich, Scott	QB	TB	Cle
Miller, Corey	LB	NYG	Min
Miller, Jamir	LB	Ari	Cle
Mitchell, Pete	TE	Jac	NYG
Moon, Warren	QB	Sea	KC
Mullen, Roderick	DB	GB	Car
Neal, Lorenzo	FB	TB	Ten
Norgard, Erik	G	Ten	NYJ
Owens, Rich	DE	Was	Mia
Patton, Marv	LB	Was	KC
Pederson, Doug	QB	GB	Phi
Perry, Darren	S	Pit	SD
Phifer, Roman	LB	STL	NYJ
Pope, Marquez	CB	SF	Cle
Potts, Roosevelt	RB	Bal	Mia
Pritchett, Kelvin	DT	Jac	Det
Pupunu, Alfred	TE	NYG	SD
Reeves, Carl	DE	Chi	Den
Sadowski, Troy	TE	Jac	Was
Sapp, Bob	OL	Min	Bal
Sauter, Cory	QB	Ari	Det
Scott, Freddie	WR	Ind	Det
Scurlock, Mike	S	STL	Car
Shade, Sam	S	Cin	Was
Shepherd, Leslie	WR	Was	Cle
Shuler, Heath	QB	NO	Oak
Simmons, Clyde	DE	Cin	Chi
Skrepenak, Greg	G	Car	Oak
Small, Torrance	WR	Ind	Phi
Smith, Artie	DE	Dal	KC
Smith, Fernando	DE	Jac	Bal
Stepnoski, Mark	C	Ten	Dal
Strickland, Fred	LB	Dal	Was
Swayne, Harry	RT	Den	Bal
Thierry, John	DE	Chi	Cle
Timmerman, Adam	G	GB	STL
Tovar, Steve	LB	SD	Car
Trapp, James	DB	Oak	Bal
Vardell, Tommy	FB	Det	SF
Wainright, Frank	TE	Mia	Bal
Walker, Gary	DT	Ten	Jac
Wells, Dean	LB	Sea	Car
Wheeler, Mark	DT	NE	Phi
Williams, Wally	G	Bal	NO
Wilmsmeyer, Klaus	P	Mia	Car
Wilson, Bernard	DT	Ari	Ari
Wohlabaugh, Dave	C	NE	Cle
Zgonina, Jeff	DT	Ind	STL
Zolak, Scott	QB	NE	NYJ

Unrestricted Free Agents as of May 12

PLAYER	POS	TEAM
Ambrose, Ashley	DB	Cin
Anderson, Darren	DB	Atl
Armstrong, Tyji	TE	STL
Barnhardt, Tommy	P	TB
Beckles, Ian	G	Phi
Bercich, Pete	LB	Min
Bock, John	C	Mia
Bouie, Tony	DB	TB
Boyd, Stephen	LB	Det
Boyer, Brant	LB	Jac
Brady, Jeff	LB	Car
Briggs, Gregg	DB	Min
Brizl, Darrick	C	Cin
Brown, Derek	TE	Oak
Buckner, Brentson	DE	SF
Byars, Keith	RB	NYJ
Chalenski, Mike	DE	Det
Clark, Willie	DB	SD
Coleman, Marco	DE	SD
Copeland, Horace	WR	TB
Copeland, Russell	WR	GB
Croel, Mike	LB	Sea
Curry, Eric	DE	Jac
Dahl, Bob	G	Was
Davis, Anthony	LB	KC
Davis, Greg	K	Oak
DeBerg, Steve	QB	Atl
Dellenbach, Jeff	C	GB
Dodge, Dedrick	DB	SD
Drake, Troy	T	Was
Edwards, Anthony	WR	Ari
Ellard, Henry	WR	Was
Ellison, Jerry	DB	TB
Fann, Chad	TE	SF
Fauria, Christian	TE	Sea
Footman, Dan	DE	Ind
Frase, Paul	DT	Bal
Fryar, Irving	WR	Phi
Gordon, Darrien	DB	Den
Gouveia, Kurt	LB	SD
Graham, Derrick	T	Oak
Gray, Derwin	DB	Car
Haley, Charles	DE	SF
Hall, Rhett	DT	Phi
Hanshaw, Tim	G	SF
Harris, Corey	DB	Bal
Hebron, Vaughn	RB	Den
Hellestrae, Dale	C	Dal
Hempstead, Hessley	C	Det
Herrord, Jeff	LB	Ind
Heyward, Craig	RB	Ind
Hilliard, Randy	DB	Chi
Hollas, Donald	QB	Oak
Horan, Mike	P	Chi
Houston, Bobby	LB	Min
Hughes, Tyrone	DB	Dal
Hutton, Tom	P	Phi
Jackson, Greg	DB	SD
Jackson, Michael	WR	Bal
Jamison, George	LB	Det
Jenkins, James	TE	Was
Johnson, Norm	K	Pit
Johnson, Pepper	LB	NYJ
Jones, Ernest	DE	Car
Jordan, Charles	WR	Mia
Joyner, Seth	LB	Den
Kerner, Marlon	DB	Buf
Krieg, Dave	QB	Ten
Lageman, Jeff	DE	Jac
LeBel, Harper	TE	Bal
Lee, Shawn	DT	Chi
Lester, Tim	RB	Pit
Lincoln, Jeremy	DB	NYG
Lloyd, Greg	LB	Car

PLAYER	POS	TEAM
Lofton, Steve	DB	Car
Marshall, Anthony	DB	Phi
Martin, Jamie	QB	Jac
Maston, Le'Shai	RB	Was
Matthews, Bruce	G	Ten
McAfee, Fred	RB	Pit
McDaniel, Terry	DB	Sea
McElroy, Ray	DB	Ind
McNeil, Ryan	DB	STL
Meggett, David	RB	NYJ
Metcalf, Eric	WR	Ari
Miller, Les	DT	Car
Mills, Ernie	WR	Dal
Morrison, Steve	LB	Ind
Morton, Mike	LB	Oak
Newton, Nate	G	Dal
Novak, Jeff	G	Jac
Nussmeier, Doug	QB	Ind
O'Dwyer, Matt	G	NYJ
Olsavsky, Jerry	LB	Bal
Palelei, Lonnie	G	NYG
Philcox, Todd	QB	NE
Phillion, Ed	DT	Jac
Phillips, Anthony	DB	Min
Pike, Mark	LB	Buf
Pollack, Frank	T	SF
Prior, Mike	DB	GB
Redmon, Anthony	G	Car
Reich, Frank	QB	Det
Rice, Ron	DB	Det
Richard, Stanley	DB	Was
Riddick, Louis	S	Oak
Roby, Reggie	P	SF
Sienkiewicz, Troy	G	SD
Siglar, Ricky	T	KC
Sims, Keith	G	Was
Slaughter, Webster	WR	SD
Sloan, David	TE	Det
Smith, Cedric	RB	Ari
Smith, Frankie	DB	Chi
Smith, Rod	DB	GB
Stablein, Brian	WR	Det
Stenstrom, Steve	QB	Chi
Stone, Dwight	WR	Car
Stubbs, Daniel	DE	Mia
Swilling, Pat	LB	Oak
Tamm, Ralph	G	KC
Tharpe, Larry	T	Det
Thomas, Broderick	LB	Dal
Thomas, Johnny	WR	STL
Thomas, Orlando	DB	Min
Thomas, Robb	WR	TB
Tindale, Tim	RB	Chi
Tuaolo, Esera	DE	Atl
Turk, Dan	C	Was
Villa, Danny	C	Car
Walsh, Steve	QB	TB
Whigham, Larry	DB	NE
White, William	DB	Atl
Wilkerson, Bruce	T	Oak
Williams, Sherman	RB	Dal
Young, Rodney	DB	NYG
Zatechka, Rob	G	NYG
Zellers, Ray	RB	Cin
Zordich, Mike	DB	Phi

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 - b. Bart Starr
 - c. Terry Bradshaw
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 - a. Pittsburgh Steelers
 - b. Chicago Bears
 - c. San Francisco 49ers
3. Who is the Super Bowl's all-time rushing leader?
 - a. Jim Brown
 - b. Franco Harris
 - c. William Perry
4. Who was the last champion of the American Football League before it sent its champion to play the NFL champion in the Super Bowl?
 - a. Buffalo Bills
 - b. New York Jets
 - c. Jacksonville Jaguars
5. Who is the NFL's career leader in touchdown passes?
 - a. Johnny Unitas
 - b. John Elway
 - c. Dan Marino
6. Who holds the record for the longest rushing touchdown?
 - a. Gale Sayers
 - b. Warren Moon
 - c. Tony Dorsett
7. At what age did the great Jim Brown retire?
 - a. 29
 - b. 30
 - c. 31
8. Among coaches with at least 100 victories, which one has the highest winning percentage of all-time?
 - a. George Seifert
 - b. George Halas
 - c. George Ruth
9. Who holds the record for the most points scored in an NFL season?
 - a. Paul Hornung
 - b. Lou Groza
 - c. Bronko Nagurski
10. Name the alma mater of the NFL's all-time rushing leader, Walter Payton?
 - a. Kentucky State
 - b. Alabama A&M
 - c. Jackson State

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1998 NFL SEASON RECAP

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	12	4	0	.750	416	266
Miami*	10	6	0	.625	321	265
Buffalo*	10	6	0	.625	400	333
New England*	9	7	0	.563	337	329
Indianapolis	3	13	0	.188	310	444

Central Division

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Jacksonville	11	5	0	.688	392	338
Tennessee	8	8	0	.500	330	320
Pittsburgh	7	9	0	.438	263	303
Baltimore	6	10	0	.375	269	335
Cincinnati	3	13	0	.188	268	452

Western Division

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Denver	14	2	0	.875	501	309
Oakland	8	8	0	.500	288	356
Seattle	8	8	0	.500	372	310
Kansas City	7	9	0	.438	327	363
San Diego	5	11	0	.313	241	342

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	10	6	0	.625	381	275
Arizona*	9	7	0	.563	325	378
N.Y. Giants	8	8	0	.500	287	309
Washington	6	10	0	.375	319	421
Philadelphia	3	13	0	.188	161	344

Central Division

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Minnesota	15	1	0	.938	556	296
Green Bay*	11	5	0	.688	408	319
Tampa Bay	8	8	0	.500	314	295
Detroit	5	11	0	.313	306	378
Chicago	4	12	0	.250	276	368

Western Division

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Atlanta	14	2	0	.875	442	289
San Francisco*	12	4	0	.750	479	328
New Orleans	6	10	0	.375	305	359
Carolina	4	12	0	.250	336	413
St. Louis	4	12	0	.250	285	378

* wild card

SUPER BOWL XXXIII

At Pro Player Stadium, Miami, FL
January 31, 1999, Attendance: 74,803

Denver	7	10	0	17	34
Atlanta	3	3	0	13	19

SCORING

QTR TIME		
ATL:	1 9:35	Andersen 32 Field Goal
DEN:	1 3:55	Griffith 1 run (Elam kick)
DEN:	2 9:17	Elam 26 Field Goal
DEN:	2 4:54	Smith 80 pass from Elway (Elam kick)
ATL:	2 2:25	Andersen 28 Field Goal
DEN:	4 14:56	Griffith 1 run (Elam kick)
DEN:	4 11:20	Elway 3 run (Elam kick)
ATL:	4 11:01	Dwight 94 kickoff return (Andersen kick)
DEN:	4 7:08	Elam 37 Field Goal
ATL:	4 2:04	Mathis 3 yd. pass from Chandler (Two-Pt Attempt Failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

	DEN	ATL
Rushing Yards	121	131
Passing Yards	336	206
Total Yards	457	337
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-13
Third-Down Efficiency	6-13	5-11
Fourth-Down Efficiency	0-1	1-2
Time of Possession	31:23	28:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Denver—Davis 25-102, Griffith 4-9-2, Loville 2-8, Elway 3-2-1, Smith 1-1, Brister 1-1; Atlanta—Anderson 18-96, Chandler 4-30, Dwight 1-5.
Passing: Denver—Elway 29-18-336-1 TD-3 INT; Atlanta—Chandler 35-19-219-1 TD-3 INT.
Receiving: Denver—Smith 5-152-1, McCaffrey 5-72, Chamberlain 3-29, Davids 2-50, Sharpe 2-26, Griffith 1-7; Atlanta—Mathis 7-85-1, Martin 5-79, Anderson 3-16, Harris 2-21, Santiago 1-13, Kozlowski 1-5.
Interceptions: Denver—Gordon 2-108, Johnson 1-28; Atlanta—Bradford 1-1.
Sacks: Denver—Romanowski 1, Mobley 1; Atlanta—None
Missed Field Goals: Andersen 1

PAST SUPER BOWLS

1967	Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10
1968	Green Bay 33, Oakland 14
1969	New York Jets 16, Baltimore 7
1970	Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7
1971	Baltimore 16, Dallas 13
1972	Dallas 24, Miami 3
1973	Miami 14, Washington 7
1974	Miami 24, Minnesota 7
1975	Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6
1976	Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17
1977	Oakland 32, Minnesota 14
1978	Dallas 27, Denver 10
1979	Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31
1980	Pittsburgh 31, Los Angeles Rams 19
1981	Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10
1982	San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21
1983	Washington 27, Miami 17
1984	Los Angeles Raiders 38, Washington 9
1985	San Francisco 38, Miami 16
1986	Chicago 46, New England 10
1987	New York Giants 39, Denver 20
1988	Washington 42, Denver 10
1989	San Francisco 20, Cincinnati 16
1990	San Francisco 55, Denver 10
1991	New York Giants 20, Buffalo 19
1992	Washington 37, Buffalo 24
1993	Dallas 52, Buffalo 17
1994	Dallas 30, Buffalo 13
1995	San Francisco 49, San Diego 26
1996	Dallas 27, Pittsburgh 17
1997	Green Bay 35, New England 21
1998	Denver 31, Green Bay 24
1999	Denver 34, Atlanta 19

SUPER BOWL MVPs

1967	Bart Starr, Green Bay Packers
1968	Bart Starr, Green Bay Packers
1969	Joe Namath, New York Jets
1970	Len Dawson, Kansas City Chiefs
1971	Chuck Howley, Dallas Cowboys
1972	Roger Staubach, Dallas Cowboys
1973	Jake Scott, Miami Dolphins
1974	Larry Csonka, Miami Dolphins
1975	Franco Harris, Pittsburgh Steelers
1976	Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh Steelers
1977	Fred Biletnikoff, Oakland Raiders
1978	Randy White and Harvey Martin, Dallas Cowboys
1979	Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh Steelers
1980	Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh Steelers
1981	Jim Plunkett, Oakland Raiders
1982	Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers
1983	John Riggins, Washington Redskins
1984	Marcus Allen, Los Angeles Raiders
1985	Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers
1986	Richard Dent, Chicago Bears
1987	Phil Simms, New York Giants
1988	Doug Williams, Washington Redskins
1989	Jerry Rice, San Francisco 49ers
1990	Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers
1991	Ottis Anderson, New York Giants
1992	Mark Rypien, Washington Redskins
1993	Troy Aikman, Dallas Cowboys
1994	Emmitt Smith, Dallas Cowboys
1995	Steve Young, San Francisco 49ers
1996	Larry Brown, Dallas Cowboys
1997	Deshaun Watson, Houston Texans
1998	Terrell Davis, Denver Broncos
1999	John Elway, Denver Broncos

WILD CARD GAMES

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUPER BOWL XXXIII

New England 10	Jacksonville 24	N.Y. Jets 10	
JACKSONVILLE 25	N.Y. JETS 34		Denver 34
Buffalo 17	Miami 3		
MIAMI 24	DENVER 38	DENVER 23	
Green Bay 27	San Francisco 18	Atlanta 30	
SAN FRANCISCO 30	ATLANTA 20		
Arizona 20	Arizona 21	Atlanta 19	
DALLAS 7	MINNESOTA 41	MINNESOTA 27	home team in caps

AFC STATS

RECORDS

Points: 513, Houston (1961); Miami (1984)

TEAM	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	2PT	2PTA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
Denver	62	26	32	4	58	59	1	3	23	27	0	501
N.Y. Jets	49	12	33	4	45	46	0	3	25	35	1	416
Buffalo	43	13	28	2	41	41	0	2	33	41	1	400
Jacksonville	47	19	24	4	45	45	1	2	21	26	0	392
Seattle	45	11	21	13	41	41	2	4	19	24	0	372
New England	35	9	23	3	32	32	1	3	31	39	0	337
Tennessee	32	12	16	4	28	28	1	4	36	40	0	330
Kansas City	35	19	15	1	34	34	0	1	27	32	1	327
Miami	37	10	23	4	33	34	0	3	22	27	0	321
Indianapolis	33	7	26	0	23	23	4	10	27	31	0	310
Oakland	34	6	21	7	31	31	1	3	17	27	0	288
Baltimore	29	7	16	6	24	24	2	5	21	28	2	269
Cincinnati	31	7	20	4	21	21	2	9	19	27	0	268
Pittsburgh	26	8	13	3	23	23	3	3	26	32	0	263
San Diego	23	11	11	1	19	19	2	4	26	30	1	241
AFC Average	37.4	11.8	21.5	4.0	33.2	33.4	1.3	3.5	24.9	31.1	0.4	335.7

RECORDS

Completions: 404, Warren Moon, Houston (1991)

Touchdowns: 48, Dan Marino, Miami (1984)

Yards: 5,084, Dan Marino, Miami (1984)

Longest TD: 99 yards, Jim Plunkett to Cliff Branch, L.A. Raiders (1983); Stan Humphries to Tony Martin, San Diego (1994)

245+ ATTEMPTS	TEAM	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	TD%	LONG	INT	INT%	SACKS	LOSS	RATING
Testaverde, Vinny	NYJ	421	259	61.5	3,256	7.73	29	6.9	82t	7	1.7	19	140	101.6
Elway, John	Den	356	210	59.0	2,806	7.88	22	6.2	58	10	2.8	18	135	93.0
O'Donnell, Neil	Cin	343	212	61.8	2,216	6.46	15	4.4	76t	4	1.2	30	217	90.2
Brunell, Mark	Jac	354	208	58.8	2,601	7.35	20	5.6	78t	9	2.5	28	172	89.9
Flutie, Doug	Buf	354	202	57.1	2,711	7.66	20	5.6	84t	11	3.1	12	78	87.4
Bledsoe, Drew	NE	481	263	54.7	3,633	7.55	20	4.2	86t	14	2.9	36	295	80.9
McNair, Steve	Ten	492	289	58.7	3,228	6.56	15	3.0	47	10	2.0	33	176	80.1
Gannon, Rich	KC	354	206	58.2	2,305	6.51	10	2.8	80t	6	1.7	25	155	80.1
Marino, Dan	Mia	537	310	57.7	3,497	6.51	23	4.3	61t	15	2.8	23	178	80.0
Moon, Warren	Sea	258	145	56.2	1,632	6.33	11	4.3	45	8	3.1	22	140	76.6
Harbaugh, Jim	Bal	293	164	56.0	1,839	6.28	12	4.1	66t	11	3.8	23	145	72.9
Manning, Peyton	Ind	575	326	56.7	3,739	6.50	26	4.5	78t	28	4.9	22	109	71.2
Stewart, Kordell	Pit	458	252	55.0	2,560	5.59	11	2.4	55t	18	3.9	33	211	62.9
Hollas, Donald	Oak	260	135	51.9	1,754	6.75	10	3.8	47	16	6.2	36	207	60.6
Whelihan, Craig	SD	320	149	46.6	1,803	5.63	8	2.5	55	19	5.9	15	111	48.0
Leaf, Ryan	SD	245	111	45.3	1,289	5.26	2	0.8	67	15	6.1	22	140	39.0

RECORDS

Number: 108, Rick Tuten, Seattle (1992)

Average: 46.9, Greg Montgomery, Houston (1992)

Longest: 98 yards, Steve O'Neal, N.Y. Jets (1969)

41+ PUNTS	TEAM	NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP RET	RET YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
Hentrich, Craig	Ten	69	3,258	71	47.2	11	0	34	332	18	39.2
Rouen, Tom	Den	66	3,097	76	46.9	10	1	43	381	14	37.6
Gardocki, Chris	Ind	79	3,583	62	45.4	10	0	42	451	23	37.1
Barker, Bryan	Jac	85	3,824	65	45.0	11	0	40	332	28	38.5
Johnson, Lee	Cin	69	3,083	69	44.7	8	1	31	428	14	35.6
Tupa, Tom	NE	74	3,294	64	44.5	9	0	43	493	13	35.4
Feagles, Jeff	Sea	81	3,568	59	44.0	12	0	33	369	27	36.5
Bennett, Darren	SD	95	4,174	65	43.9	8	0	49	515	27	36.8
Richardson, Kyle	Bal	90	3,948	67	43.9	7	2	40	284	25	38.3
Miller, Josh	Pit	81	3,530	73	43.6	12	0	30	310	34	36.8
Araguz, Leo	Oak	98	4,256	64	43.4	10	0	53	787	29	33.4
Aguiar, Louie	KC	75	3,226	59	43.0	5	1	41	513	20	34.4
Wilmsmeyer, Klaus	Mia	93	3,949	57	42.5	13	1	43	339	23	35.6
Mohr, Chris	Buf	69	2,882	57	41.8	11	0	32	374	18	33.2
Kidd, John	Det-NYJ	41	1,686	57	41.1	2	0	20	159	9	36.3

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TEAM SCORING

RECORDS

Points: 155, Gino Cappelletti, Boston (1964)

Field Goals: 36, Cary Blanchard, Indianapolis (1996);

Al Del Greco, Tennessee (1998)

Extra Points: 66, Uwe von Schamann, Miami (1984)

KICKERS	TEAM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Christie, Steve	Buf	41	41	33	41	140
Del Greco, Al	Ten	28	28	36	39	136
Elam, Jason	Den	58	58	23	27	127
Vinatieri, Adam	NE	32	32	31	39	127
Hall, John	NYJ	45	46	25	35	120
Stoyanovich, Pete	KC	34	34	27	32	115
Hollis, Mike	Jac	45	45	21	26	108
Vanderjagt, Mike	Ind	23	23	27	31	104
Johnson, Norm	Pit	21	21	26	31	99
Mare, Olindo	Mia	33	34	22	27	99
Peterson, Todd	Sea	41	41	19	24	98
Carney, John	SD	19	19	26	30	97
Stover, Matt	Bal	24	24	21	28	87
Davis, Greg	Oak	31	31	17	27	82
Pelfrey, Doug	Cin	21	21	19	27	78
George, Matt	Pit	2	2	0	1	2
Hentrich, Craig	Ten	0	0	0	1	0

RECORDS

Touchdowns: 23, O.J. Simpson, Buffalo (1975)

23, Terrell Davis, Denver (1998)

NON-KICKERS	TEAM	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	2PT	PTS
Davis, Terrell	Den	23	21	2	0	0	138
Taylor, Fred	Jac	17	14	3	0	0	102
Edwards, Robert	NE	12	9	3	0	0	72
Galloway, Joey	Sea	12	0	10	2	0	72
Johnson, Keyshawn	NYJ	11	1	10	0	0	66
McCaffrey, Ed	Den	10	0	10	0	1	62
Faulk, Marshall	Ind	10	6	4	0	0	60
Sharpe, Shannon	Den	10	0	10	0	0	60
Watters, Ricky	Sea	9	9	0	0	1	56
Brown, Tim	Oak	9	0	9	0	0	54
Martin, Curtis	NYJ	9	8	1	0	0	54
Moulds, Eric	Buf	9	0	9	0	0	54
Chrebet, Wayne	NYJ	8	0	8	0	0	48
Lewis, Jermaine	Bal	8	0	6	2	0	48
Morris, Bam	KC	8	8	0	0	0	48
Smith, Antowain	Buf	8	8	0	0	0	48
Smith, Jimmy	Jac	8	0	8	0	0	48
Johnson, Charles	Pit	7	0	7	0	2	46
Harrison, Marvin	Ind	7	0	7	0	1	44
Gadsden, Oronde	Mia	7	0	7	0	0	42
Holmes, Priest	Bal	7	7	0	0	0	42
McDuffie, O. J.	Mia	7	0	7	0	0	42
Scott, Darnay	Cin	7	0	7	0	0	42
Small, Torrance	Ind	7	0	7	0	0	42
Smith, Rod	Den	7	0	6	1	0	42
George, Eddie	Ten	6	5	1	0	1	38
McCardell, Keenan	Jac	6	0	6	0	1	38
Abdul-Jabbar, Karim	Mia	6	6	0	0	0	36
Bennett, Donnell	KC	6	5	1	0	0	36
Coates, Ben	NE	6	0	6	0	0	36
Jett, James	Oak	6	0	6	0	0	36
Riemersma, Jay	Buf	6	0	6	0	0	36
Turner, Floyd	Bal	5	0	5	0	2	34
Dudley, Rickey	Oak	5	0	5	0	1	32
Pickens, Carl	Cin	5	0	5	0	1	32
Brady, Kyle	NYJ	5	0	5	0	0	30
Dillon, Corey	Cin	5	4	1	0	0	30
Fletcher, Terrell	SD	5	5	0	0	0	30
Means, Natrone	SD	5	5	0	0	0	30
Reed, Andre	Buf	5	0	5	0	0	30
Rison, Andre	KC	5	0	5	0	0	30
Thomas, Lamar	Mia	5	0	5	0	0	30

NFC STATS

RECORDS

Points: 541, Washington (1983)

TEAM	TD	TOR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	2PT	2PTA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
Minnesota	64	17	41	6	59	59	3	5	35	35	1	556
San Francisco	61	19	41	1	49	51	5	9	18	27	0	479
Atlanta	53	18	28	7	51	52	1	1	23	28	1	442
Green Bay	46	7	33	6	41	43	1	3	29	33	1	408
Dallas	42	21	17	4	40	40	0	2	29	35	1	381
Carolina	40	11	25	4	35	37	2	3	19	26	0	336
Arizona	36	18	17	1	36	36	0	0	23	33	2	325
Washington	40	15	24	1	36	37	1	3	13	23	1	319
Tampa Bay	36	12	21	3	29	30	3	6	21	28	0	314
Detroit	32	12	17	3	27	29	0	3	29	33	0	306
New Orleans	35	6	19	10	31	31	0	3	20	22	2	305
New York Giants	32	10	18	4	32	32	0	0	21	27	0	287
St. Louis	32	17	12	3	25	26	4	6	20	26	0	285
Chicago	30	9	16	5	27	28	1	2	21	26	2	276
Philadelphia	17	10	7	0	15	17	0	0	14	21	1	161
NFC Average	39.7	13.5	22.4	3.9	35.5	36.5	1.4	2.5	22.3	28.2	0.8	345.3

TEAM SCORING

RECORDS

Points: 176, Paul Hornung, Green Bay (1960)

Field Goals: 37, John Kasay, Carolina (1996)

Extra Points: 62, Mark Moseley, Washington (1983)

KICKERS	TEAM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Anderson, Gary	Min	59	59	35	35	164
Longwell, Ryan	GB	41	43	29	33	128
Cunningham, R.	Dal	40	40	29	35	127
Andersen, Morten	Atl	51	52	23	28	120
Hanson, Jason	Det	27	29	29	33	114
Richey, Wade	SF	49	51	18	27	103
Daluiso, Brad	NYG	32	32	21	27	95
Husted, Michael	TB	29	30	21	28	92
Kasay, John	Car	35	37	19	26	92
Brien, Doug	NO	31	31	20	22	91
Jaeger, Jeff	Chi	27	28	21	26	90
Wilkins, Jeff	StL	25	26	20	26	85
Nedney, Joe	Ari	30	30	13	19	69
Blanchard, Cary	Was	30	31	11	17	63
Boniol, Chris	Phi	15	17	14	21	57
Jacke, Chris	Ari	6	6	10	14	36

RECORDS

Completions: 377, Warren Moon, Minnesota (1995)

Touchdowns: 39, Brett Favre, Green Bay (1996)

Yards: 4,614, Neil Lomax, St. Louis (1984)

Longest TD: 99 yards, Frank Filchock to Andy Farkas, Washington (1939); George Izo to Bobby Mitchell, Washington (1963); Karl Sweetan to Pat Studstill, Detroit (1966); Sonny Jurgensen to Jerry Allen, Washington (1968); Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick, Philadelphia (1985); Brett Favre to Robert Brooks, Green Bay (1995)

224+ ATTEMPTS	TEAM	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	TD%	LONG	INT	INT%	SACKS	LOSS	RATING
Cunningham, R.	Min	425	259	60.9	3,704	8.72	34	8.0	67t	10	2.4	20	132	106.0
Young, Steve	SF	517	322	62.3	4,170	8.07	36	7.0	81t	12	2.3	48	234	101.1
Chandler, Chris	Atl	327	190	58.1	3,154	9.65	25	7.6	78t	12	3.7	45	283	100.9
Aikman, Troy	Dal	315	187	59.4	2,330	7.40	12	3.8	67t	5	1.6	9	58	88.5
Beuerlein, Steve	Car	343	216	63.0	2,613	7.62	17	5.0	68t	12	3.5	44	251	88.2
Favre, Brett	GB	551	347	63.0	4,212	7.64	31	5.6	84t	23	4.2	38	223	87.8
Batch, Charlie	Det	303	173	57.1	2,178	7.19	11	3.6	98t	6	2.0	37	222	83.5
Kramer, Erik	Chi	250	151	60.4	1,823	7.29	9	3.6	79t	7	2.8	10	71	83.1
Green, Trent	Was	509	278	54.6	3,441	6.76	23	4.5	75t	11	2.2	49	338	81.8
Plummer, Jake	Ari	547	324	59.2	3,737	6.83	17	3.1	57	20	3.7	49	280	75.0
Dilfer, Trent	TB	429	225	52.4	2,729	6.36	21	4.9	79t	15	3.5	27	172	74.0
Banks, Tony	StL	408	241	59.1	2,535	6.21	7	1.7	80t	14	3.4	41	237	68.6
Kanell, Danny	NYG	299	160	53.5	1,603	5.36	11	3.7	46	10	3.3	22	172	67.3
Collins, Kerry	Car-NO	353	170	48.2	2,213	6.27	12	3.4	89t	15	4.2	31	191	62.0
Hoying, Bobby	Phi	224	114	50.9	961	4.29	0	0.0	38	9	4.0	35	185	45.6

PASSING

RECORDS

Touchdowns: 25, Emmitt Smith, Dallas (1995)

NON-KICKERS	TEAM	TD	TOR	TDP	TDM	2PT	PTS
Moss, Randy	Min	17	0	17	0	2	106
Anderson, Jamal	Atl	16	14	2	0	1	98
Owens, Terrell	SF	15	1	14	0	1	92
Smith, Emmitt	Dal	15	13	2	0	0	90
Freeman, Antonio	GB	14	0	14	0	1	86
Carter, Cris	Min	12	0	12	0	0	72
Mathis, Terance	Atl	11	0	11	0	0	66
Hoard, Leroy	Min	10	9	1	0	0	60
Murrell, Adrian	Ari	10	8	2	0	0	60
Rice, Jerry	SF	9	0	9	0	2	58
Hearst, Garrison	SF	9	7	2	0	1	56
Shepherd, Leslie	Was	9	1	8	0	1	56
Alstott, Mike	TB	9	8	1	0	0	54
Hicks, Skip	Was	8	8	0	0	0	48
Ismail, Raghib	Car	8	0	8	0	0	48
Smith, Robert	Min	8	6	2	0	0	48
Stokes, J.J.	SF	8	0	8	0	0	48
Anthony, Reidel	TB	7	0	7	0	1	44
Davis, Tyrone	GB	7	0	7	0	0	42
Vardell, Tommy	Det	7	6	1	0	0	42
Muhammad, Muhsin	Car	6	0	6	0	1	38
Bates, Mario	Ari	6	6	0	0	0	36
Calloway, Chris	NYG	6	0	6	0	0	36
Cleeland, Cameron	NO	6	0	6	0	0	36
Martin, Tony	Phi	6	0	6	0	0	36
Staley, Duce	Phi	6	5	1	0	0	36
Westbrook, Michael	Was	6	0	6	0	0	36
Young, Steve	SF	6	6	0	0	0	36
Brown, Gary	NYG	5	5	0	0	0	30
Craver, Aaron	NO	5	2	2	1	0	30
Engram, Bobby	Chi	5	0	5	0	0	30
Glover, Andrew	Min	5	0	5	0	0	30
Lane, Fred	Car	5	5	0	0	0	30
Moore, Herman	Det	5	0	5	0	0	30
Moore, Rob	Ari	5	0	5	0	0	30
Santiago, O.J.	Atl	5	0	5	0	0	30
Smith, Irv	SF	5	0	5	0	0	30
Toomer, Amani	NYG	5	0	5	0	0	30
Walls, Wesley	Car	5	0	5	0	0	30
Warren, Chris	Dal	5	4	1	0	0	30
Lee, Amp	StL	4	2	2	0	1	26
Alexander, Stephen	Was	4	0	4	0	0	24
Biakabutuka, Tim	Car	4	3	1	0	0	24
Chmura, Mark	GB	4	0	4	0	0	24
Floyd, William	Car	4	3	1	0	0	24
Garner, Charlie	Phi	4	4	0	0	0	24

RECORDS

Number: 114, Bob Parsons, Chicago (1981)

Average: 51.4 yards, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940)

Longest: 94 yards, Joe Lintzenich, Chicago (1931)

PUNTING

55+ PUNTS	TEAM	NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP RET	RET YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
Royals, Mark	NO	88	4,017	64	45.6	10	0	52	649	26	36.0
Maynard, Brad	NYG	101	4,566	63	45.2	8	0	53	587	33	37.8
Berger, Mitch	Min	55	2,458	67	44.7	5	0	27	325	17	37.0
Tuten, Rick	StL	95	4,202	64	44.2	10	0	58	652	16	35.3
Turk, Matt	Was	93	4,103	69	44.1	9	1	31	260	33	39.0
Jett, John	Det	66	2,892	60	43.8	6	0	38	398	17	36.0
Gowin, Toby	Dal	77	3,342	65	43.4	14	1	34	210	31	36.6
Landeta, Sean	GB	65	2,788	72	42.9	7	0	27	237	30	37.1
Roby, Reggie	SF	60	2,511	66	41.9	6	0	34	332	14	34.3
Hutton, Tom	Phi	104	4,339	61	41.7	10	0	61	511	21	34.9
Player, Scott	Ari	81	3,378	67	41.7	6	1	38	313	12	35.9
Horan, Mike	Chi	64	2,643	57	41.3	4	0	33	299	12	35.4
Barnhardt, Tommy	TB	81	3,340	55	41.2	9	0	38	302	19	35.3
Walter, Ken	Car	77	3,131	59	40.7	5	0	20	94	20	38.1
Stryzinski, Dan	Atl	74	2,963	55	40.0	7	0	20	112	25	36.6

AFC STATS

NON-KICKERS	TEAM	TD	TOR	TOP	TDM	2PT	PTS
Alexander, Derrick	KC	4	0	4	0	0	24
Gibson, Damon	Cin	4	0	3	1	0	24
Johnson, Leon	NYJ	4	2	2	0	0	24
Jones, Damon	Jac	4	0	4	0	0	24
McNair, Steve	Ten	4	4	0	0	0	24
Ward, Dedric	NYJ	4	0	4	0	0	24
Jones, Freddie	SD	3	0	3	0	1	20
Pritchard, Mike	Sea	3	0	3	0	1	20
Anders, Kimble	KC	3	1	2	0	0	18
Avery, John	Mia	3	2	1	0	0	18
Bettis, Jerome	Pit	3	3	0	0	0	18
Byars, Keith	NYJ	3	0	3	0	0	18
Davis, Willie	Ten	3	0	3	0	0	18
Drayton, Troy	Mia	3	0	3	0	0	18
Fuamatu-Ma'afala	Pit	3	2	1	0	0	18
Gannon, Rich	KC	3	3	0	0	0	18
Gash, Sam	Buf	3	0	3	0	0	18
Glenn, Terry	NE	3	0	3	0	0	18
Griffith, Howard	Den	3	0	3	0	0	18
Jones, Charlie	SD	3	0	3	0	0	18
Mason, Derrick	Ten	3	0	3	0	0	18
Simmons, Tony	NE	3	0	3	0	0	18
Springs, Shawn	Sea	3	0	0	3	0	18
Stewart, James	Jac	3	2	1	0	0	18
Thigpen, Yancey	Ten	3	0	3	0	0	18
Thomas, Thurman	Buf	3	2	1	0	0	18
Bennett, Brandon	Cin	2	2	0	0	0	12
Bowden, Joe	Ten	2	0	0	2	0	12
Brisby, Vincent	NE	2	0	2	0	0	12
Bruener, Mark, Pit.	Pit	2	0	2	0	0	12
Dyson, Kevin	Ten	2	0	2	0	0	12
Fauria, Christian	Sea	2	0	2	0	0	12
Gonzalez, Tony	KC	2	0	2	0	0	12
Harris, Jackie	Ten	2	0	2	0	0	12
Hebron, Vaughn	Den	2	1	0	1	0	12
Howard, Desmond	Oak	2	0	0	2	0	12
Jefferson, Shawn	NE	2	0	2	0	0	12
Johnson, Lonnie	Buf	2	0	2	0	0	12
Johnson, Pat	Bal	2	0	1	1	0	12
Kaufman, Napoleon	Oak	2	2	0	0	0	12
Loville, Derek	Den	2	2	0	0	0	12
McKnight, James	Sea	2	0	2	0	0	12
Mitchell, Pete	Jac	2	0	2	0	0	12
Potts, Roosevelt	Bal	2	0	2	0	0	12
Purnell, Lovett	NE	2	0	2	0	0	12
Richardson, Tony	KC	2	2	0	0	0	12
Ricks, Mikhael	SD	2	0	2	0	0	12
Smith, Darrin	Sea	2	0	0	2	0	12
Stewart, Kordell	Pit	2	2	0	0	0	12
Still, Bryan	SD	2	0	2	0	0	12
Strong, Mack	Sea	2	0	2	0	0	12
Thomas, Rodney	Ten	2	2	0	0	0	12
Thomas, Zach	Mia	2	0	0	2	0	12
Warren, Lamont	Ind	2	1	1	0	0	12
Washington, Dewayne	Pit	2	0	0	2	0	12
Williams, Harvey	Oak	2	2	0	0	0	12
Woodson, Rod	Bal	2	0	0	2	0	12
Wycheck, Frank	Ten	2	0	2	0	0	12
Blackwell, Will	Pit	1	0	1	0	1	8
Dilger, Ken	Ind	1	0	1	0	1	8
Thomas, Derrick	KC	1	0	0	1	0	*8
Adams, Sam	Sea	1	0	0	1	0	6
Archie, Mike	Ten	1	1	0	0	0	6
Ashmore, Darryl	Oak	1	0	0	1	0	6
Banks, Tavian	Jac	1	1	0	0	0	6
Barlow, Reggie	Jac	1	0	0	1	0	6
Battaglia, Marco	Cin	1	0	1	0	0	6
Beasley, Aaron	Jac	1	0	0	1	0	6
Briser, Bubby	Den	1	1	0	0	0	6
Broussard, Steve	Sea	1	0	0	1	0	6
Brown, Troy	NE	1	0	1	0	0	6
Buckley, Terrell	Mia	1	0	0	1	0	6
Cascadden, Chad	NYJ	1	0	0	1	0	6
Coleman, Andre	Pit	1	0	1	0	0	6
Crockett, Ray	Den	1	0	0	1	0	6
Crumpler, Carlester	Sea	1	0	1	0	0	6
Cullors, Derrick	NE	1	0	1	0	0	6
Darius, Donovin	Jac	1	0	0	1	0	6
Early, Quinn	Buf	1	0	1	0	0	6

Elway, John	Den	1	1	0	0	0	6
Flutie, Doug	Buf	1	1	0	0	0	6
Glenn, Aaron	NYJ	1	0	0	1	0	6
Gordon, Darrien	Den	1	0	0	1	0	6
Gordon, Dwayne	NYJ	1	0	0	1	0	6
Green, Ahman	Sea	1	1	0	0	0	6
Green, Eric	Bal	1	0	1	0	0	6
Green, E.G.	Ind	1	0	1	0	0	6
Green, Willie	Den	1	0	1	0	0	6
Hansen, Phil	Buf	1	0	0	1	0	6
Harris, Corey	Bal	1	0	0	1	0	6
Hawkins, Courtney	Pit	1	0	1	0	0	6
Henderson, Jerome	NYJ	1	0	0	1	0	6
Hollas, Donald	Oak	1	1	0	0	0	6
Horn, Joe, K.C.	KC	1	0	1	0	0	6
Hundon, James	Cin	1	0	1	0	0	6
Huntley, Richard	Pit	1	1	0	0	0	6
Johnson, Rob	Buf	1	1	0	0	0	6
Johnstone, Lance	Oak	1	0	0	1	0	6
Jones, Robert	Mia	1	0	0	1	0	6
Jordan, Randy	Oak	1	1	0	0	0	6
Kennedy, Cortez	Sea	1	0	0	1	0	6
Kitna, Jon	Sea	1	1	0	0	0	6
Lake, Carnell	Pit	1	0	0	1	0	6
Law, Ty	NE	1	0	0	1	0	6
Lewis, Albert	Oak	1	0	0	1	0	6
Linton, Jonathan	Buf	1	1	0	0	0	6
Mack, Tremain	Cin	1	0	0	1	0	6
Marino, Dan	Mia	1	1	0	0	0	6
Marts, Lonnie	Ten	1	0	0	1	0	6
May, Deems	Sea	1	0	1	0	0	6
McAfee, Fred	Pit	1	0	0	1	0	6
McDaniel, Terry	Sea	1	0	0	1	0	6
McGee, Tony	Cin	1	0	1	0	0	6
Mickens, Terry	Oak	1	0	1	0	0	6
Milloy, Lawyer	NE	1	0	0	1	0	6
Milne, Brian	Cin	1	1	0	0	0	6
Northern, Gabe	Buf	1	0	0	1	0	6
Oldham, Chris	Pit	1	0	0	1	0	6
Pathon, Jerome	Ind	1	0	1	0	0	6
Pritchett, Stanley	Mia	1	1	0	0	0	6
Quinn, Jonathan	Jac	1	1	0	0	0	6
Roan, Michael	Ten	1	0	0	1	0	6
Roe, James	Bal	1	0	1	0	0	6
Sawyer, Corey	Cin	1	0	0	1	0	6
Shade, Sam	Cin	1	0	0	1	0	6
Shelton, Daimon	Jac	1	1	0	0	0	6
Simmons, Anthony	Sea	1	0	0	1	0	6
Stephens, Tremayne	SD	1	1	0	0	0	6
Testaverde, Vinny	NYJ	1	1	0	0	0	6
Thelwell, Ryan	SD	1	0	1	0	0	6
Thomas, Henry	NE	1	0	0	1	0	6
Turner, Eric	Oak	1	0	0	1	0	6
Whitted, Alvis	Jac	1	0	0	1	0	6
Williams, Jamal	SD	1	0	0	1	0	6
Williams, Kevin	Buf	1	0	1	0	0	6
Williams, Stepfret	Cin	1	0	1	0	0	6
Williams, Willie	Sea	1	0	0	1	0	6
Woodson, Charles	Oak	1	0	0	1	0	6
Burnett, Rob	Bal	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cox, Bryan	NYJ	0	0	0	0	0	2
George, Matt	Pit	0	0	0	0	0	2
Justin, Paul	Cin	0	0	0	0	1	2

RECORDS

Carries: 392, Terrell Davis, Denver (1998)
Yards: 2,008, Terrell Davis, Denver (1998)
Touchdowns: 21, Terrell Davis, Denver (1998)

47+ YARDS

PLAYER	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Davis, Terrell	Den	392	2,008	5.1	70	21
Faulk, Marshall	Ind	324	1,319	4.1	68t	6
George, Eddie	Ten	348	1,294	3.7	37t	5
Martin, Curtis	NYJ	369	1,287	3.5	60t	8
Watters, Ricky	Sea	319	1,239	3.9	39t	9
Taylor, Fred	Jac	264	1,223	4.6	77t	14
Bettis, Jerome	Pit	316	1,185	3.8	42	3
Dillon, Corey	Cin	262	1,130	4.3	66	4
Smith, Antowain	Buf	300	1,124	3.7	30	8
Edwards, Robert	NE	291	1,115	3.8	53	9
Holmes, Priest	Bal	233	1,008	4.3	56	7

RUSHING

Abdul-Jabbar, Karim	Mia	270	960	3.6	45	6
Kaufman, Napoleon	Oak	217	921	4.2	80t	2
Means, Natrone	SD	212	883	4.2	72t	5
McNair, Steve	Ten	77	559	7.3	71t	4
Fletcher, Terrell	SD	153	543	3.5	21	5
Bennett, Donnell	KC	148	527	3.6	26	5
Avery, John	Mia	143	503	3.5	44	2
Williams, Harvey	Oak	128	496	3.9	25t	2
Morris, Bam	Chi-KC	132	489	3.7	38	8
Stewart, Kordell	Pit	81	406	5.0	56	2
Thomas, Thurman	Buf	93	381	4.1	17t	2
Flutie, Doug	Buf	48	248	5.2	23	1
Bennett, Brandon	Cin	77	243	3.2	17	2
Huntley, Richard	Pit	55	242	4.4	48	1
Shaw, Sedrick	NE	48	236	4.9	71	0
Anders, Kimble	KC	58	230	4.0	20	1
Stewart, James	Jac	53	217	4.1	30	2
Green, Ahman	Sea	35	209	6.0	64	1
Linton, Jonathan	Buf	45	195	4.3	20	1
Brunell, Mark	Jac	49	192	3.9	18	0
Johnson, Leon	NYJ	41	185	4.5	40	2
Rhett, Errict	Bal	44	180	4.1	46	0
Harbaugh, Jim	Bal	40	172	4.3	15	0
Gannon, Rich	KC	44	168	3.8	21	3
Sowell, Jerald	NYJ	40	164	4.1	33	0
Loville, Derek	Den	53	161	3.0	12	2
Jordan, Randy	Oak	47	159	3.4	23	1
Banks, Tavian	Jac	26	140	5.4	51	1
Johnson, Rob	Buf	24	123	5.1	32	1
Stephens, Tremayne	SD	35	122	3.5	12	1
Jones, George	Jac	39	121	3.1	21	0
Hollas, Donald	Oak	29	120	4.1	14	1
Potts, Roosevelt	Bal	36	115	3.2	33	0
McAfee, Fred	Pit	18	111	6.2	14	0
Graham, Jay	Bal	35	109	3.1	12	0
Testaverde, Vinny	NYJ	24	104	4.3	25	1
Blake, Jeff	Cin	15	103	6.9	18	0
Briser, Bubby	Den	19	102	5.4	38t	1
Thomas, Rodney	Ten	24	100	4.2	21	2
Shelton, Daimon	Jac	30	95	3.2	16	1
Elway, John	Den	37	94	2.5	16	1
Leaf, Ryan	SD	27	80	3.0	20	0
Quinn, Jonathan	Jac	11	77	7.0	17	1
Kitna, Jon	Sea	20	67	3.4	21	1
Smith, Rod	Den	6	63	10.5	37	0
Manning, Peyton	Ind	15	62	4.1	15	0
Warren, Lamont	Ind	25	61	2.4	14	1
Johnson, Keyshawn	NYJ	2	60	30.0	35t	1
Shehee, Rashaan	KC	22	57	2.6	10	0
Bieniemy, Eric	Cin	17	56	3.3	9	0
Cullors, Derrick	NE	18	48	2.7	15	0
Strong, Mack	Sea	15	47	3.1	9	0

RECORDS

Receptions: 104, Tim Brown, Oakland (1997)
Yards: 1,746, Charley Hennigan, Houston (1961)
Touchdowns: 18, Mark Clayton, Miami (1984)

RECEIVING

B+ CATCHES

NFC STATS

NON-KICKERS	TEAM	TD	TOR	TOP	TOM	2PT	PTS
Hill, Greg	StL	4	4	0	0	0	24
McWilliams, Johnny	Ari	4	0	4	0	0	24
Mills, Ernie	Dal	4	0	4	0	0	24
Moore, Dav	TB	4	0	4	0	0	24
Plummer, Jake	Ari	4	4	0	0	0	24
Reed, Jake	Min	4	0	4	0	0	24
Sanders, Barry	Det	4	4	0	0	0	24
Way, Charles	NYG	4	3	1	0	0	24
Banks, Tony	StL	3	3	0	0	1	20
Penn, Chris	Chi	3	0	3	0	1	20
Proehl, Ricky	StL	3	0	3	0	1	20
Barber, Tiki	NYG	3	0	3	0	0	18
Bech, Brett	NO	3	0	3	0	0	18
Brooks, Rob	GB	3	0	3	0	0	18
Christian, Bob	Atl	3	2	1	0	0	18
Conway, Curtis	Chi	3	0	3	0	0	18
Crowell, Germane	Det	3	0	3	0	0	18
Davis, Billy	Dal	3	0	3	0	0	18
Edwards, Marc	SF	3	1	2	0	0	18
Green, Jacques	TB	3	0	2	1	0	18
Hastings, Andre	NO	3	0	3	0	0	18
Henderson, William	GB	3	2	1	0	0	18
Henley, June	StL	3	3	0	0	0	18
Hitchcock, Jimmy	Min	3	0	0	3	0	18
Kirby, Terry	SF	3	3	0	0	0	18
Mayes, Derrick	GB	3	0	3	0	0	18
Milburn, Glyn	Chi	3	0	0	3	0	18
Mitchell, Brian	Was	3	2	0	1	0	18
Preston, Roell	GB	3	0	0	3	0	18
Sanders, Deio	Dal	3	0	0	3	0	18
Sanders, Frank	Ari	3	0	3	0	0	18
Smith, Lamar	NO	3	1	2	0	0	18
Alkman, Troy	Dal	2	2	0	0	0	12
Allen, James	Chi	2	1	1	0	0	12
Allen, Terr	Was	2	2	0	0	0	12
Bennett, Edgar	Chi	2	2	0	0	0	12
Bjornson, Eric	Dal	2	1	1	0	0	12
Carrier, Mark	Car	2	0	2	0	0	12
Centers, Larry	Ari	2	0	2	0	0	12
Chancey, Robert	Chi	2	2	0	0	0	12
Chandler, Chris	Atl	2	2	0	0	0	12
Chryplewicz, Pete	Det	2	0	2	0	0	12
Connell, Albert	Was	2	0	2	0	0	12
Davis, Eric	Car	2	0	0	2	0	12
Davis, Stephen	Was	2	0	2	0	0	12
Dilfer, Trent	TB	2	2	0	0	0	12
Dunn, Warrick	TB	2	2	0	0	0	12
Dwight, Tim	Atl	2	0	1	1	0	12
Ellsworth, Percy	NYG	2	0	0	2	0	12
Emanuel, Bert	TB	2	0	2	0	0	12
Fair, Terry	Det	2	0	0	2	0	12
Fryar, Irving	Phi	2	0	2	0	0	12
Graham, Jeff	Phi	2	0	2	0	0	12
Graham, Kent	NYG	2	2	0	0	0	12
Green, Trent	Was	2	2	0	0	0	12
Hakim, Az-zahir	StL	2	1	1	0	0	12
Harris, Derrick	StL	2	0	2	0	0	12
Hilliard, Ike	NYG	2	0	2	0	0	12
Holcombe, Robert	StL	2	2	0	0	0	12
Jeffers, Patrick	Dal	2	0	2	0	0	12
Kennison, Eddie	StL	2	0	1	1	0	12
Knight, Sammy	NO	2	0	0	2	0	12
LaFleur, David	Dal	2	0	2	0	0	12
McKenzie, Keith	GB	2	0	0	2	0	12
Moore, Jerald	StL	2	2	0	0	0	12
Morton, Johnnie	Det	2	0	2	0	0	12
Patten, David	NYG	2	0	1	1	0	12
Poole, Keith	NO	2	0	2	0	0	12
Rudd, Dwayne	Min	2	0	0	2	0	12
Stenstrom, Steve	Chi	2	2	0	0	0	12
Wetnight, Ryan	Chi	2	0	2	0	0	12
Bradford, Ronnie	Atl	1	0	0	1	0	*8
Clark, Greg	SF	1	0	1	0	1	8
Collins, Kerry	Car-NO	1	1	0	0	1	8
Cunningham, Randall	Min	1	1	0	0	1	8
Hunter, Brice	TB	1	0	1	0	1	8
Wheaton, Kenny	Dal	1	0	0	1	0	*8
Barber, Ronde	TB	1	0	0	1	0	6
Batch, Charlie	Det	1	1	0	0	0	6

Bates, Michael	Car	1	0	0	1	0	6
Bennett, Tommy	Ari	1	0	0	1	0	6
Bowie, Larry	Was	1	0	1	0	0	6
Bowles, Fabien	Chi	1	0	1	0	0	6
Boyd, Tommie	Det	1	0	1	0	0	6
Broughton, Luther	Car	1	0	1	0	0	6
Bruce, Isaac	StL	1	0	1	0	0	6
Butler, LeRoy	GB	1	0	0	1	0	6
Davis, John	TB	1	0	1	0	0	6
Davis, Troy	NO	1	1	0	0	0	6
Dawkins, Sean	NO	1	0	1	0	0	6
Drakeford, Tyrone	NO	1	0	0	1	0	6
Edwards, Antonio	Atl	1	0	0	1	0	6
Evans, Chuck	Min	1	1	0	0	0	6
Favre, Brett	GB	1	1	0	0	0	6
Fields, Mark	NO	1	0	0	1	0	6
Gedney, Chris	Ari	1	0	1	0	0	6
Hallcock, Ty	Chi	1	1	0	0	0	6
Harris, Raymont	GB	1	1	0	0	0	6
Harris, Walt	Chi	1	0	0	1	0	6
Holmes, Darick	GB	1	1	0	0	0	6
Horne, Tony	StL	1	0	0	1	0	6
Irvin, Michael	Dal	1	0	1	0	0	6
Jervy, Travis	GB	1	1	0	0	0	6
Johnson, Anthony	Car	1	0	1	0	0	6
Johnson, Joe	NO	1	0	0	1	0	6
Johnston, Daryl	Dal	1	0	1	0	0	6
Kelly, Rob	NO	1	0	0	1	0	6
Kinchen, Todd	Atl	1	0	1	0	0	6
Kozlowski, Brian	Atl	1	0	1	0	0	6
Kramer, Erik	Chi	1	1	0	0	0	6
Lee, Shawn	Chi	1	0	0	1	0	6
Levens, Dorsey	GB	1	1	0	0	0	6
Levy, Chuck	SF	1	1	0	0	0	6
McNeil, Ryan	StL	1	0	0	1	0	6
McQuarters, R.W.	SF	1	0	0	1	0	6
Mincy, Charles	TB	1	0	0	1	0	6
Mitchell, Keith	NO	1	0	0	1	0	6
Neal, Lorenzo	TB	1	0	1	0	0	6
Palmer, David	Min	1	0	0	1	0	6
Peete, Rodney	Phi	1	1	0	0	0	6
Rasby, Walter	Det	1	0	1	0	0	6
Rivers, Ron	Det	1	1	0	0	0	6
Robbins, Austin	NO	1	0	0	1	0	6
Robinson, Eugene	Atl	1	0	0	1	0	6
Robinson, Jeff	StL	1	0	1	0	0	6
Robinson, Marcus	Chi	1	0	1	0	0	6
Schlesinger, Cory	Det	1	0	1	0	0	6
Schroeder, Bill	GB	1	0	1	0	0	6
Sinceno, Kaseem	Phi	1	0	1	0	0	6
Sloan, David	Det	1	0	1	0	0	6
Smith, Chuck	Atl	1	0	0	1	0	6
Solomon, Freddie	Phi	1	0	1	0	0	6
Stone, Dwight	Car	1	0	0	1	0	6
Strahan, Michael	NYG	1	0	0	1	0	6
Thomas, Robb	TB	1	0	1	0	0	6
Thrash, James	Was	1	0	1	0	0	6
Tuggle, Jessie	Atl	1	0	0	1	0	6
Weary, Fred	NO	1	0	0	1	0	6
Westbrook, Bryant	Det	1	0	0	1	0	6

RECORDS

Carries: 410, Jamal Anderson, Atlanta (1998)
Yards: 2,105, Eric Dickerson, L.A. Rams (1984)
Touchdowns: 25, Emmitt Smith, Dallas (1995)

79+ YARDS	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Anderson, Jamal	Atl	410	1,846	4.5	48	14
Hearst, Garrison	SF	310	1,570	5.1	96t	7
Sanders, Barry	Det	343	1,491	4.3	73t	4
Smith, Emmitt	Dal	319	1,332	4.2	32	13
Smith, Robert	Min	249	1,187	4.8	74t	6
Staley, Duce	Phi	258	1,065	4.1	64t	5
Brown, Gary	NYG	247	1,063	4.3	45	5
Murrell, Adrian	Ari	274	1,042	3.8	32	8
Dunn, Warrick	TB	245	1,026	4.2	50	2
Alstott, Mike	TB	215	846	3.9	37	8
Lane, Fred	Car	205	717	3.5	31	5
Allen, Terry	Was	148	700	4.7	45	2
Bennett, Edgar	Chi	173	611	3.5	43	2
Enis, Curtis	Chi	133	497	3.7	29	0
Hoard, Leroy	Min	115	479	4.2	50t	9

RUSHING

Smith, Lamar	NO	138	457	3.3	33	1
Young, Steve	SF	70	454	6.5	24	6
Hicks, Skip	Was	122	433	3.5	28	8
Way, Charles	NYG	113	432	3.8	21	3
Biakabutuka, Tim	Car	101	427	4.2	41	3
Holmes, Darick	Buf-GB	95	394	4.1	13	1
Garner, Charlie	Phi	96	381	4.0	40	4
Levens, Dorsey	GB	115	378	3.3	50	1
Jervy, Travis	GB	83	325	3.9	16	1
Henley, June	StL	88	313	3.6	22	3
Warren, Chris	Dal	59	291	4.9	49	4
Allen, James	Chi	58	270	4.7	57	1
Kirby, Terry	SF	48	258	5.4	31t	3
Hill, Greg	StL	40	240	6.0	46	4
Holcombe, Robert	StL	98	230	2.3	12	2
Batch, Charlie	Det	41	229	5.6	17	1
Harris, Raymont	GB	79	228	2.9	14	1
Williams, Sherman	Dal	64	220	3.4	24	1
Plummer, Jake	Ari	51	217	4.3	27	4
Mitchell, Brian	Was	39	208	5.3	22	2
Craver, Aaron	NO	45	180	4.0	25	2
Lee, Amp	StL	44	175	4.0	38	2
Barber, Tiki	NYG	52	166	3.2	23	0
Bates, Mario	Ari	60	165	2.8	15	6
Zellers, Ray	StL	56	162	2.9	15t	1
Banks, Tony	StL	40	156	3.9	19	3
Collins, Kerry	Car-NO	30	153	5.1	20	1
Davis, Troy	NO	55	143	2.6	14	1
Dilfer, Trent	TB	40	141	3.5	17	2
Graham, Kent	NYG	27	138	5.1	23	2
Moore, Jerald	StL	55	137	2.5	18	2
Johnson, Anthony	Car	36	135	3.8	21	0
Favre, Brett	GB	40	133	3.3	35	1
Cunningham, Randall	Min	32	132	4.1	22	1
Chancey, Robert	Chi	29	122	4.2	14	2
Perry, Wilmont	NO	30	122	4.1	19	0
Chandler, Chris	Atl	36	121	3.4	19	2
Green, Trent	Was	42	117	2.8	13	2
Levy, Chuck	SF	25	112	4.5	21t	1
Centers, Larry	Ari	31	110	3.5	14	0
Davis, Stephen	Was	34	109	3.2	12	0
Rivers, Ron	Det	19	102	5.4	36t	1
Edwards, Marc	SF	22	94	4.3	32	1
Turner, Kevin	Phi	20	94	4.7	19	0
Pittman, Michael	Ari	29	91	3.1	11	0
Shepherd, Leslie	Was	6	91	15.2	29	1
Hoying, Bobby	Phi	22	84	3.8	11	0
Stenstrom, Steve	Chi	18	79	4.4	14	2

RECORDS

Receptions: 123, Herman Moore, Detroit (1995)
Yards: 1,848, Jerry Rice, S.F. (1995)
Touchdowns: 22, Jerry Rice, S.F. (1987)

RECEIVING

10+ CATCHES	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Sanders, Frank	Ari	89	1,145	12.9	42	3
Freeman, Antonio	GB	84	1,424	17.0	84t	14
Rice, Jerry	SF	82	1,157	14.1	75t	9
Moore, Herman	Det	82	983	12.0	36	5
Carter, Cris	Min	78	1,011	13.0	54t	12
Irvin, Michael	Dal	74	1,057	14.3	51	1
Moss, Randy	Min	69	1,313	19.0	61t	17
Morton, Johnnie	Det	69	1,028	14.9	98t	2
Ismail, Raghib	Car	69	1,024	14.8	62	8
Centers, Larry	Ari	69	559	8.1	54	2
Muhammad, Muhsin	Car	68	941	13.8	72t	6
Owens, Terrell	SF	67	1,097	16.4	79t	14
Moore, Rob	Ari	67	982	14.7	57	5
Martin, Tony	Atl	66	1,181	17.9	62	6
Mathis, Terance	Atl	64	1,136	17.8	78t	11
Engram, Bobby	Chi	64	987	15.4	79t	5
Lee, Amp	StL	64	667	10.4	44	2
Stokes, J.J.	SF	63	770	12.2	33t	8
Calloway, Chris	NYG	62	812	13.1	36	6
Proehl, Ricky	StL	60	771	12.9	47	3
Staley, Duce	Phi	57	432	7.6	33	1
Conway, Curtis	Chi	54	733	13.6	47	3
Cleeland, Cameron	NO	54	684	12.7	53	6
Dawkins, Sean	NO	53	823	15.5	64t	1
Hilliard, Ike	NYG	51	715	14.0	50	2
Anthony, Reidel	TB	51	708	13.9	79t	7
Walls, Wesley	Car	49	506	10.3	30	5

AFC STATS

8+ CATCHES	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Alexander, Derrick	KC	54	992	18.4	65	4
Watters, Ricky	Sea	52	373	7.2	24	0
Scott, Damay	Cin	51	817	16.0	70t	7
Glenn, Terry	NE	50	792	15.8	86t	3
Pathon, Jerome	Ind	50	511	10.2	45	1
Gadsden, Oronde	Mia	48	713	14.9	50	7
Jones, Charlie	SD	46	699	15.2	56	3
Jett, James	Oak	45	882	19.6	75t	6
Small, Torrance	Ind	45	681	15.1	53	7
Taylor, Fred	Jac	44	421	9.6	78t	3
Still, Bryan	SD	43	605	14.1	67	2
Thomas, Lamar	Mia	43	603	14.0	56t	5
Harris, Jackie	Ten	43	412	9.6	32	2
Martin, Curtis	NYJ	43	365	8.5	23	1
Holmes, Priest	Bal	43	260	6.0	25	0
Lewis, Jermaine	Bal	41	784	19.1	73t	6
Rison, Andre	KC	40	542	13.6	80t	5
Thigpen, Yancey	Ten	38	493	13.0	55	3
Jackson, Michael	Bal	38	477	12.6	53	0
Mitchell, Pete	Jac	38	363	9.6	38	2
Fauria, Christian	Sea	37	377	10.2	25	2
George, Eddie	Ten	37	310	8.4	29	1
Dudley, Rickey	Oak	36	549	15.3	32	5
Edwards, Robert	NE	35	331	9.5	46	3
Jefferson, Shawn	NE	34	771	22.7	61t	2
Green, Eric	Bal	34	422	12.4	56	1
Turner, Floyd	Bal	32	512	16.0	66t	5
Davis, Willie	Ten	32	461	14.4	38	3
Blackwell, Will	Pit	32	297	9.3	24t	1
Dilger, Ken	Ind	31	303	9.8	27	1
Ricks, Mikhael	SD	30	450	15.0	39t	2
Drayton, Troy	Mia	30	334	11.1	35	3
Brady, Kyle	NYJ	30	315	10.5	35	5
Fletcher, Terrell	SD	30	188	6.3	22	0
Potts, Roosevelt	Bal	30	168	5.6	18	2
Williams, Kevin	Buf	29	392	13.5	55	1
Ritchie, Jon	Oak	29	225	7.8	31	0
Dillon, Corey	Cin	28	178	6.4	41	1
Bieniemy, Eric	Cin	27	153	5.7	15	0
Byars, Keith	NYJ	26	258	9.9	29	3
Thomas, Thurman	Buf	26	220	8.5	26	1
Williams, Harvey	Oak	26	173	6.7	15	0
Milne, Brian	Cin	26	124	4.8	18	0
Ward, Dedric	NYJ	25	477	19.1	71t	4
Mason, Derrick	Ten	25	333	13.3	47	3
Riemersma, Jay	Buf	25	288	11.5	28	6
Perry, Ed	Mia	25	255	10.2	46	0
Davis, Terrell	Den	25	217	8.7	35	2
Kaufman, Napoleon	Oak	25	191	7.6	39	0
Mickens, Terry	Oak	24	346	14.4	32	1
Pollard, Marcus	Ind	24	309	12.9	44t	4
Simmons, Tony	NE	23	474	20.6	63t	3
Brown, Troy	NE	23	346	15.0	52	1
McGee, Tony	Cin	22	363	16.5	40	1
McKnight, James	Sea	21	346	16.5	59t	2
Dyson, Kevin	Ten	21	263	12.5	45t	2
Parmalee, Bernie	Mia	21	221	10.5	23	0
Abdul-Jabbar, Karim	Mia	21	102	4.9	18	0
Lockett, Kevin	KC	19	281	14.8	38	0
Gibson, Damon	Cin	19	258	13.6	76t	3
Early, Quinn	Buf	19	217	11.4	37	1
Gash, Sam	Buf	19	165	8.7	20	3
Bruener, Mark	Pit	19	157	8.3	20	2
Carter, Tony	NE	18	166	9.2	49	0
Pritchett, Stanley	Mia	17	97	5.7	24	0
Thelwell, Ryan	SD	16	268	16.8	55	1
Green, Willie	Den	16	194	12.1	50	1
Bennett, Donnell	KC	16	91	5.7	14	1
Means, Natrone	SD	16	91	5.7	22	0
Bettis, Jerome	Pit	16	90	5.6	26	0
Ward, Hines	Pit	15	246	16.4	45	0
Blades, Brian	Sea	15	184	12.3	47	0
Green, E.G.	Ind	15	177	11.8	25	1
Griffith, Howard	Den	15	97	6.5	15	3
Horn, Joe	KC	14	198	14.1	57	1
Cullors, Derrick	NE	14	146	10.4	43	1
Johnson, Lonnie	Buf	14	146	10.4	27	2
Johnson, Leon	NYJ	13	222	17.1	82t	2
Kinchen, Brian	Bal	13	110	8.5	24	0

Roan, Michael	Ten	13	93	7.2	16	0
Popson, Ted	KC	13	90	6.9	17	0
Witman, Jon	Pit	13	74	5.7	15	0
Johnson, Pat	Buf	12	159	13.3	35	1
Morris, Bam	KC	12	95	7.9	29	0
Purnell, Lovett	NE	12	92	7.7	22	2
Barlow, Reggie	Jac	11	168	15.3	31	0
Rhett, Errict	Bal	11	65	5.9	16	0
Warren, Lamont	Ind	11	44	4.0	12	1
Hundon, James	Cin	10	112	11.2	17	1
Shelton, Daimon	Jac	10	79	7.9	19	0
Shehee, Rashaan	KC	10	73	7.3	14	0
Avery, John	Mia	10	67	6.7	19t	1
Sowell, Jerald	NYJ	10	59	5.9	13	0
Battaglia, Marco	Cin	10	47	4.7	16	1
Dunn, David	Pit	9	87	9.7	24	0
Fuamatu-Ma'afala	Pit	9	84	9.3	26t	1
Lester, Tim	Pit	9	46	5.1	9	0
McAfee, Fred	Pit	9	27	3.0	11	0
Bennett, Brandon	Cin	8	153	19.1	55	0
Jacquet, Nate	Mia	8	122	15.3	29	0
Roe, James	Bal	8	115	14.4	27	1
Slaughter, Webster	SD	8	93	11.6	31	0
Jones, Damon	Jac	8	90	11.3	31t	4

RECORDS INTERCEPTIONS

Number: 13, Lester Hayes, Oakland (1980)
Yards: 349, Charlie McNeil, San Diego (1961)
Longest TD Return: 103 yards, Vencie Glenn, San Diego (1987); Louis Oliver, Miami (1992)
Touchdowns: 4, Ken Houston, Houston (1971); Jim Kearney, Kansas City (1972)

2+ INTERCEPTIONS	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Law, Ty	NE	9	133	14.8	59t	1
Buckley, Terrell	Mia	8	157	19.6	61	1
Madison, Sam	Mia	8	114	14.3	35	0
Springs, Shawn	Sea	7	142	20.3	56t	2
Woodson, Rod	Bal	6	108	18.0	60t	2
Milloy, Lawyer	NE	6	54	9.0	30t	1
Jackson, Greg	SD	6	50	8.3	25	0
Schultz, Kurt	Buf	6	48	8.0	24	0
Glenn, Aaron	NYJ	6	23	3.8	26	0
Washington, Dewayne	Pit	5	178	35.6	78t	2
Woodson, Charles	Oak	5	118	23.6	46t	1
Allen, Eric	Oak	5	59	11.8	22	0
Starks, Duane	Bal	5	3	0.6	2	0
Gordon, Darrien	Den	4	125	31.3	55t	1
Green, Victor	NYJ	4	99	24.8	87	0
Hasty, James	KC	4	42	10.5	21	0
Lewis, Darryll	Ten	4	40	10.0	33	0
Lake, Carnell	Pit	4	33	8.3	27	1
Walker, Brian	Mia	4	12	3.0	7	0
Turner, Eric	Oak	3	108	36.0	94t	1
Crockett, Ray	Den	3	105	35.0	80t	1
Smith, Darrin	Sea	3	56	18.7	26t	2
McMillian, Mark	KC	3	48	16.0	21	0
Harrison, Rodney	SD	3	42	14.0	21	0
Williams, Darryl	Sea	3	41	13.7	28	0
Bellamy, Jay	Sea	3	40	13.3	24	0
Dimry, Charles	SD	3	38	12.7	30	0
Beasley, Aaron	Jac	3	35	11.7	34	0
Shade, Sam	Cin	3	33	11.0	32	0
Staten, Ralph	Bal	3	25	8.3	14	0
Hawkins, Artrell	Cin	3	21	7.0	12	0
Thomas, Zach	Mia	3	21	7.0	17t	2
Clay, Willie	NE	3	19	6.3	19	0
Israel, Steve	NE	3	13	4.3	12	0
Hudson, Chris	Jac	3	10	3.3	8	0
Mickens, Ray	NYJ	3	10	3.3	10	0
Jones, Henry	Buf	3	0	0.0	0	0
Johnson, Darrius	Den	2	79	39.5	45	0
Lewis, Albert	Oak	2	74	37.0	74t	1
Perry, Darren	Pit	2	69	34.5	40	0
Hand, Norman	SD	2	47	23.5	30	0
Woods, Jerome	KC	2	47	23.5	28	0
Hardy, Kevin	Jac	2	40	20.0	24	0
Williams, Willie	Sea	2	36	18.0	28t	1
Davis, Travis	Jac	2	34	17.0	34	0
Smith, Otis	NYJ	2	34	17.0	32	0
Walker, Marquis	Oak	2	28	14.0	28	0
Davis, Anthony	KC	2	27	13.5	27	0

Jackson, Raymond	Buf	2	27	13.5	27	0
Lewis, Ray	Bal	2	25	12.5	26	0
Carter, Dale	KC	2	23	11.5	23	0
Cowart, Sam	Buf	2	23	11.5	23	0
Romanowski, Bill	Den	2	22	11.0	18	0
Newman, Anthony	Oak	2	17	8.5	11	0
Jones, Robert	Mia	2	14	7.0	14t	1
Cadrez, Glenn	Den	2	11	5.5	6	0
Walker, Denard	Ten	2	6	3.0	6	0
Surtain, Patrick	Mia	2	1	0.5	1	0

RECORDS KICK RETURNS

Number: 62, Andre Coleman, San Diego (1995)
Yards: 1,411, Andre Coleman, San Diego (1995)
Longest TD: 106 yards, Noland Smith, Kansas City (1967)
Touchdowns: 3, Raymond Clayborn, New England (1977)

19+ RETURNS	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Harris, Corey	Bal	35	965	27.6	95t	1
Broussard, Steve	Sea	29	781	26.9	90t	1
Hebron, Vaughn	Den	46	1,216	26.4	95t	1
Mack, Tremain	Cin	45	1,165	25.9	97t	1
Avery, John	Mia	43	1,085	25.2	55	0
Dunn, David	Pit	21	525	25.0	44	0
Barlow, Reggie	Jac	30	747	24.9	91	0
Glenn, Aaron	NYJ	24	585	24.4	62	0
Cullors, Derrick	NE	45	1,085	24.1	68	0
Vanover, Tamarick	KC	41	956	23.3	62	0
Green, Ahman	Sea	27	620	23.0	57	0
Williams, Kevin	Buf	47	1,059	22.5	46	0
Bailey, Aaron	Ind	34	759	22.3	44	0
Archie, Mike	Ten	42	913	21.7	50	0
Howard, Desmond	Oak	49	1,040	21.2	42	0
Blackwell, Will	Pit	20	382	19.1	43	0
Bynum, Kenny	SD	19	345	18.2	30	0

RECORDS PUNT RETURNS

Number: 62, Fulton Walker, Miami-L.A. Raiders (1985)
Yards: 692, Fulton Walker, Miami-L.A. Raiders (1985)
Longest: 98 yards, Terance Mathis, N.Y. Jets (1990)
Touchdowns: 4, Rick Upchurch, Oakland (1976)

19+ RETURNS	TEAM	NO	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Barlow, Reggie	Jac	43	14	555	12.9	85t	1
Lewis, Jermaine	Bal	32	10	405	12.7	87t	2
Buckley, Terrell	Mia	29	3	354	12.2	35	0
Rachal, Latorio	SD	32	8	387	12.1	56	0
Howard, Desmond	Oak	45	13	541	12.0	75t	2
Gordon, Darrien	Den	34	6	379	11.1	44	0
Galloway, Joey	Sea	25	5	251	10.0	74t	2
Williams, Kevin	Buf	37	11	369	10.0	73	0
Vanover, Tamarick	KC	27	11	264	9.8	37	0
Bailey, Aaron	Ind	19	4	176	9.3	33	0
Gibson, Damon	Cin	27	19	218	8.1	65t	1
Mason, Derrick	Ten	31	11	228	7.4	25	0
Johnson, Leon	NYJ	29	12	203	7.0	23	0

RECORDS SACKS

Number: 22, Mark Gastineau, N.Y. Jets (1984)

5+ SACKS	TEAM	NO	TEAM	NO	
Sinclair, M.	Sea	16.5	Lewis, Mo	NYJ	7.0
McCrary, M.	Bal	14.5	Daniels, Phillip	Sea	6.5
Thomas, Derrick	KC	12.0	Paup, Bryce	Jac	6.5
Gildon, Jason	Pit	11.0	Thomas, Henry	NE	6.5
Johnstone, L.	Oak	11.0	Cox, Bryan	NYJ	6.0
Armstrong, T.	Mia	10.5	Eaton, Chad	NE	6.0
Russell, Darrell	Oak	10.0	Edwards, D.	KC	6.0
Smith, Bruce	Buf	10.0	Hand, Norman	SD	6.0
Taylor, Jason	Mia	9.0	LaBounty, Matt	Sea	6.0
Boulware, Peter	Bal	8.5	McCoy, Tony	Ind	6.0
Pryce, Trevor	Den	8.5	Pleasant, A.	NYJ	6.0
Tanuvasa, Maa	Den	8.5	Wilson, Reinard	Cin	6.0
Bromell, L.	Mia	8.0	Johnson, R.	SD	5.5
Johnson, Ellis	Ind	8.0	Jones, James	Bal	5.5
Brown, Chad	Sea	7.5	Thomas, M.	Chi-Ind	5.5
Hansen, Phil	Buf	7.5	Cascadden, C.	NYJ	5.0
Romanowski, B.	Den	7.5	Jones, Robert	Mia	5.0
Smeege, Joel	Jac	7.5	Price, Shawn	Buf	5.0

NFC STATS

10+ CATCHES	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG TD
Fryar, Irving	Phi	48	556	11.6	61t 2
Graham, Jeff	Phi	47	600	12.8	45 2
Chmura, Mark	GB	47	554	11.8	25t 4
Westbrook, Michael	Was	44	736	16.7	75t 6
Dunn, Warrick	TB	44	344	7.8	31 0
Mitchell, Brian	Was	44	306	7.0	24 0
Shepherd, Leslie	Was	43	712	16.6	43t 8
Barber, Tiki	NYG	42	348	8.3	87t 3
Emanuel, Bert	TB	41	636	15.5	62t 2
Davis, Billy	Dal	39	691	17.7	80t 3
Hearst, Garrison	SF	39	535	13.7	81t 2
Alexander, Stephen	Was	37	383	10.4	33 4
Sanders, Barry	Det	37	289	7.8	44 0
Henderson, William	GB	37	241	6.5	15 1
Glover, Andrew	Min	35	522	14.9	36 5
Hastings, Andre	NO	35	455	13.0	89t 3
Henley, June	StL	35	252	7.2	43 0
Reed, Jake	Min	34	474	13.9	56t 4
Turner, Kevin	Phi	34	232	6.8	18 0
Craver, Aaron	NO	33	214	6.5	49 2
Bruce, Isaac	StL	32	457	14.3	80t 1
Schroeder, Bill	GB	31	452	14.6	46 1
Penn, Chris	Chi	31	448	14.5	37 3
Brooks, Robert	GB	31	420	13.5	30t 3
Metcalfe, Eric	Ari	31	324	10.5	29 0
Way, Charles	NYG	31	131	4.2	16 1
Mayes, Derrick	GB	30	394	13.1	33t 3
Mills, Ernie	Dal	28	479	17.1	43t 4
Connell, Albert	Was	28	451	16.1	61 2
Asher, Jamie	Was	28	294	10.5	28 0
Smith, Robert	Min	28	291	10.4	67t 2
Bennett, Edgar	Chi	28	209	7.5	31 0
Santiago, O.J.	Atl	27	428	15.9	62t 5
Toomer, Amani	NYG	27	360	13.3	37t 5
Anderson, Jamal	Atl	27	319	11.8	27 2
Johnson, Anthony	Car	27	242	9.0	38t 1
Smith, Emmitt	Dal	27	175	6.5	24 2
Levens, Dorsey	GB	27	162	6.0	17 0
McWilliams, Johnny	Ari	26	284	10.9	26 4
Crowell, Germane	Det	25	464	18.6	68t 3
Smith, Irv	SF	25	266	10.6	25t 5
Hallock, Ty	Chi	25	166	6.6	16 0
Poole, Keith	NO	24	509	21.2	82t 2
Moore, Dave	TB	24	255	10.6	44t 4
Smith, Lamar	NO	24	249	10.4	35t 2
Floyd, William	Car	24	123	5.1	20 1
Wetnight, Ryan	Chi	23	168	7.3	30 2
Gedney, Chris	Ari	22	271	12.3	32 1
Edwards, Marc	SF	22	218	9.9	47t 2
Hoard, Leroy	Min	22	198	9.0	24t 1
Alstott, Mike	TB	22	152	6.9	26 1
Davis, Stephen	Was	21	263	12.5	30 2
Williams, Karl	TB	21	252	12.0	29t 1
Mayes, Alonzo	Chi	21	217	10.3	22 0
Solomon, Freddie	Phi	21	193	9.2	20 1
Thomas, J.T.	StL	20	287	14.4	42 0
Hakim, Az-zahir	StL	20	247	12.4	22 1
Copeland, Russell	Phi-GB	20	232	11.6	20 0
Holmes, Darick	Buf-GB	20	188	9.4	24 0
LaFleur, David	Dal	20	176	8.8	24 2
Carrier, Mark	Car	19	301	15.8	42 2
Christian, Bob	Atl	19	214	11.3	39 1
Garner, Charlie	Phi	19	110	5.8	21 0
Jeffers, Patrick	Dal	18	330	18.3	67t 2
Davis, Tyrone	GB	18	250	13.9	60t 7
Palmer, David	Min	18	185	10.3	33 0
Murrell, Adrian	Ari	18	169	9.4	30 2
Dunn, Jason	Phi	18	132	7.3	21 0
Johnston, Daryl	Dal	18	60	3.3	9 1
Kennison, Eddie	StL	17	234	13.8	45 1
Allen, Terry	Was	17	128	7.5	17 0
Kirby, Terry	SF	16	134	8.4	25 0
Davis, Troy	NO	16	99	6.2	19 0
Bjornson, Eric	Dal	15	218	14.5	43 1
Hatchette, Matt	Min	15	216	14.4	25 0
Williams, Roland	StL	15	144	9.6	33 1
Rasby, Walter	Det	15	119	7.9	17 1
Conwell, Ernie	StL	15	105	7.0	13 0
Levy, Chuck	SF	15	64	4.3	13 0

Bech, Brett	NO	14	264	18.9	72t 3
Green, Jacques	TB	14	251	17.9	64t 2
Thomas, Chris	Was	14	173	12.4	25 0
Vardell, Tommy	Det	14	143	10.2	31 1
Cross, Howard	NYG	13	90	6.9	22 0
Warren, Chris	Dal	13	66	5.1	15 1
Brown, Gary	NYG	13	36	2.8	12 0
Clark, Greg	SF	12	124	10.3	23 1
Lane, Fred	Car	12	85	7.1	16 0
Evans, Chuck	Min	12	84	7.0	14 0
Harris, Derrick	StL	12	57	4.8	8 2
Kinchen, Todd	Atl	11	157	14.3	32 1
Sloan, David	Det	11	146	13.3	33 1
Patten, David	NYG	11	119	10.8	39t 1
Williams, Sherman	Dal	11	104	9.5	30 0
Chancey, Robert	Chi	11	102	9.3	15 0
Thrash, James	Was	10	163	16.3	28 1
Guliford, Eric	NO	10	124	12.4	24 0
Kozlowski, Brian	Atl	10	103	10.3	25 1
Harris, Raymont	GB	10	68	6.8	12 0

RECORDS INTERCEPTIONS

Number: 14, Dick Lane, Los Angeles (1952)
Yards: 303, Deion Sanders, San Francisco (1994)
Longest TD Return: 102 yards, Bob Smith, Detroit (1949);
 Erich Barnes, N.Y. Giants (1961)
Touchdowns: 4, Eric Allen, Philadelphia (1993)

1+ INTERCEPTIONS	TEAM	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG TD
Lassiter, Kwame	Ari	8	80	10.0	29 0
Hitchcock, Jimmy	Min	7	242	34.6	79t 3
Buchanan, Ray	Atl	7	102	14.6	34 0
Knight, Sammy	NO	6	171	28.5	91t 2
Sanders, Deion	Dal	5	153	30.6	71t 1
Ellsworth, Percy	NYG	5	92	18.4	43t 2
Davis, Eric	Car	5	81	16.2	56t 2
Williams, Tyrone	GB	5	40	8.0	15 0
Griffith, Robert	Min	5	25	5.0	17 0
McKinnon, Ronald	Ari	5	25	5.0	17 0
Brady, Jeff	Car	4	85	21.3	43 0
Walker, Darnell	SF	4	78	19.5	36 0
Drakeford, Tyrone	NO	4	76	19.0	32t 1
Mincy, Charles	TB	4	58	14.5	22t 1
Harris, Walt	Chi	4	41	10.3	26 1
Hanks, Merton	SF	4	37	9.3	37 0
Fuller, Corey	Min	4	36	9.0	26 0
Robinson, Eugene	Atl	4	36	9.0	25t 1
Bronson, Zack	SF	4	34	8.5	28 0
Sparks, Phillip	NYG	4	25	6.3	12 0
McDonald, Tim	SF	4	22	5.5	18 0
Cota, Chad	NO	4	16	4.0	9 0
Evans, Leomont	Was	3	77	25.7	54 0
Westbrook, Bryant	Det	3	49	16.3	34t 1
Green, Darrell	Was	3	36	12.0	36 0
Carrier, Mark	Det	3	33	11.0	33 0
Lyght, Todd	StL	3	30	10.0	17 0
Collins, Andre	Chi	3	29	9.7	28 0
Rice, Ron	Det	3	25	8.3	25 0
Lyle, Keith	StL	3	20	6.7	20 0
Bradford, Ronnie	Atl	3	11	3.7	11t 1
Butler, LeRoy	GB	3	3	1.0	3 0
Kelly, Rob	NO	2	104	52.0	79t 1
Bennett, Tommy	Ari	2	100	50.0	70t 1
Barber, Ronde	TB	2	67	33.5	56 0
Weary, Fred	NO	2	64	32.0	63t 1
Dishman, Cris	Was	2	60	30.0	49 0
Smith, Rod	Car-GB	2	43	21.5	43 0
Dawkins, Brian	Phi	2	39	19.5	30 0
White, William	Atl	2	36	18.0	36 0
Molden, Alex	NO	2	35	17.5	24 0
Jenkins, Billy	StL	2	31	15.5	25 0
Smith, Kevin	Dal	2	31	15.5	22 0
Lynch, John	TB	2	29	14.5	17 0
McClellan, Dexter	StL	2	29	14.5	15 0
Vincent, Troy	Phi	2	29	14.5	29 0
Thomas, Orlando	Min	2	27	13.5	27 0
Carter, Tom	Chi	2	20	10.0	19 0
Evans, Doug	Car	2	18	9.0	18 0
Greene, Kevin	Car	2	18	9.0	18 0
Zordich, Mike	Phi	2	18	9.0	14 0
Jones, Mike A.	StL	2	13	6.5	13 0

Williams, Shaun	NYG	2	6	3.0	6 0
Armstead, Jessie	NYG	2	4	2.0	4 0
Chavous, Corey	Ari	2	0	0.0	0 0
Mathis, Kevin	Dal	2	0	0.0	0 0
Phifer, Roman	StL	1	41	41.0	41 0
Wheaton, Kenny	Dal	1	41	41.0	41 0

RECORDS KICK RETURNS

Number: 70, Tyrone Hughes, New Orleans (1996)
Yards: 1,791, Tyrone Hughes, New Orleans (1996)
Longest TD: 106 yards, Al Carmichael, Green Bay (1956);
 Roy Green, St. Louis (1979)
Touchdowns: 4, Travis Williams, Green Bay (1967);
 Cecil Turner, Chicago (1970)

17+ RETURNS	TEAM	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG TD
Fair, Terry	Det	51	1,428	28.0	105t 2
Dwight, Tim	Atl	36	973	27.0	93t 1
Preston, Roell	GB	57	1,497	26.3	101t 2
Bates, Michael	Car	59	1,480	25.1	99t 1
Milburn, Glyn	Chi	62	1,550	25.0	94t 2
Mathis, Kevin	Dal	25	621	24.8	42 0
Rossum, Allen	Phi	44	1,080	24.5	54 0
Anthony, Reidel	TB	46	1,118	24.3	60 0
Guliford, Eric	NO	18	431	23.9	34 0
Palmer, David	Min	50	1,176	23.5	88t 1
Horne, Tony	StL	56	1,306	23.3	102t 1
Mitchell, Brian	Was	59	1,337	22.7	101t 1
Patten, David	NYG	43	928	21.6	90t 1
Metcalfe, Eric	Ari	57	1,218	21.4	59 0
Ismail, Qadry	NO	28	590	21.1	39 0
Kirby, Terry	SF	17	340	20.0	33 0
Levy, Chuck	SF	22	383	17.4	30 0

RECORDS PUNT RETURNS

Number: 70, Danny Reece, Tampa Bay (1979)
Yards: 875, Desmond Howard, Green Bay (1996)
Longest: 103 yards, Robert Bailey, L.A. Rams (1994)
Touchdowns: 4, Jack Christiansen, Detroit (1951)

22+ RETURNS	TEAM	NO	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Sanders, Deion	Dal	24	8	375	15.6	69t	2
Green, Jacques	TB	30	9	453	15.1	95t	1
Hastings, Andre	NO	22	17	307	14.0	76	0
Milburn, Glyn	Chi	25	15	291	11.6	93t	1
Mitchell, Brian	Was	44	18	506	11.5	47	0
Oliver, Winslow	Car	44	11	464	10.5	35	0
Kennison, Eddie	StL	40	25	415	10.4	71t	1
Palmer, David	Min	28	18	289	10.3	53	0
Preston, Roell	GB	44	17	398	9.0	71t	1
McQuarters, R.W.	SF	47	10	406	8.6	72t	1
Rossum, Allen	Phi	22	7	187	8.5	25	0
Dwight, Tim	Atl	31	13	263	8.5	23	0
Toomer, Amani	NYG	35	22	252	7.2	39	0

RECORDS SACKS

Number: 21, Reggie White, Philadelphia (1987);
 Chris Doleman, Minnesota (1989)

6+ SACKS	TEAM	NO	TEAM	NO	
White, Reggie	GB	16.0	Holliday, Vonnie	GB	8.0
Doleman, Chris	SF	15.0	McKenzie, Keith	GB	8.0
Greene, Kevin	Car	15.0	Alexander, D.	Min	7.5
Strahan, M.	NYG	15.0	Wilkinson, Dan	Was	7.5
Douglas, Hugh	Phi	12.5	Farr, D'Marco	StL	7.0
Barker, Roy	SF	12.0	Hamilton, K.	NYG	7.0
Carter, Kevin	StL	12.0	Johnson, Joe	NO	7.0
Porcher, Robert	Det	11.5	Lang, Kenard	Was	7.0
Bratzke, Chad	NYG	11.0	McDaniel, Ed	Min	7.0
Randle, John	Min	10.5	Sapp, Warren	TB	7.0
Archambeau, Atl	10.0	Upshaw, Regan	TB	7.0	
Glover, La'Roi	NO	10.0	Dronett, Shane	Atl	6.5
Rice, Simeon	Ari	10.0	Phifer, Roman	StL	6.5
Young, Bryant	SF	9.5	Scroggins, T.	Det	6.5
Culpepper, Brad	TB	9.0	Fields, Mark	NO	6.0
Smith, Mark	Ari	9.0	Gilbert, Sean	Car	6.0
Flanigan, Jim	Chi	8.5	Pittman, Kavika	Dal	6.0
Smith, Chuck	Atl	8.5	Tomich, Jared	NO	6.0

1999 NFL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Eastern Standard Times Preseason Game Times Subject to Change

P R E S E A S O N G A M E S



EARLY GAMES

Saturday, August 7
Denver vs. San Diego (at Sydney) 8:00
Oakland at St. Louis TBA
Indianapolis at Chicago 7:00

Monday, August 9
Cleveland vs. Dallas (Canton, OH) 8:00

FIRST WEEK

Thursday, August 12
Baltimore at Philadelphia 8:00
San Diego at San Francisco 8:00

Friday, August 13
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota 8:00
Detroit at Atlanta 7:30
Washington at New England 7:30
New Orleans at Miami 7:30
Carolina at Jacksonville 7:30
Chicago at Pittsburgh TBA

Saturday, August 14
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay 8:00
Arizona at Denver 8:00
Cincinnati at Indianapolis 7:00
Buffalo at Seattle 9:00

Sunday, August 15
Tennessee at Kansas City 8:30
Dallas at Oakland 7:00

SECOND WEEK

Thursday, August 19
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota 8:00
Seattle at San Francisco 8:00

Friday, August 20
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets 7:30
Tennessee at Arizona 9:00
Buffalo at Washington 8:00
Pittsburgh at Carolina 8:00
Cincinnati at Detroit 7:00

Saturday, August 21
Dallas at New England 8:00
Baltimore at Atlanta 7:30
Tampa Bay at Kansas City 8:30
Miami at San Diego 11:00
Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants 7:00
St. Louis at Chicago 7:00
TBA

Monday, August 23
Denver at Green Bay 8:00

THIRD WEEK

Thursday, August 26
Kansas City at Jacksonville 8:00
Philadelphia at Minnesota TBA

Friday, August 27
Atlanta at Tennessee 8:00

Saturday, August 28
Arizona at Seattle 9:00
San Diego at St. Louis TBA
Carolina at Baltimore 7:30
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants TBA
New England at Tampa Bay 8:00
Buffalo at Cincinnati 7:30
Detroit at Miami 7:00
Washington at Pittsburgh 7:30
Green Bay at New Orleans 8:00

Sunday, August 29
Denver at Dallas 9:00

Monday, August 30
San Francisco at Oakland 8:00

FOURTH WEEK

Thursday, September 2
Cleveland at Philadelphia 7:30
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore TBA
New England at Carolina 8:00
Seattle at Indianapolis 7:00
Jacksonville at Dallas 10:00
Miami at Green Bay 8:00
New Orleans at Tennessee 8:00
St. Louis at Detroit 7:00

Friday, September 3
Atlanta at Cincinnati 7:30
Oakland at Arizona 9:00
Kansas City at San Diego 8:00
San Francisco at Denver 9:00
Minnesota at N.Y. Jets TBA

Saturday, September 4
Pittsburgh at Buffalo 7:30

R E G U L A R S E A S O N G A M E S

WEEK 1

(Open Date: San Diego)

Sunday, September 12
Arizona at Philadelphia 1:00
Baltimore at St. Louis 1:00
Buffalo at Indianapolis 1:00
Carolina at New Orleans 1:00
Cincinnati at Tennessee 1:00
Dallas at Washington 1:00
Kansas City at Chicago 1:00
New England at N.Y. Jets 1:00
Oakland at Green Bay 1:00
Detroit at Seattle 4:15
Minnesota at Atlanta 4:15
N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay 4:15
San Francisco at Jacksonville 4:15
Pittsburgh at Cleveland 8:20

Monday, September 13
Miami at Denver 9:00

WEEK 2

(Open Date: St. Louis)

Sunday, September 19
Arizona at Miami 1:00
Green Bay at Detroit 1:00
Indianapolis at New England 1:00
Jacksonville at Carolina 1:00
Oakland at Minnesota 1:00
Pittsburgh at Baltimore 1:00
San Diego at Cincinnati 1:00
Seattle at Chicago 1:00
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia 1:00
Washington at N.Y. Giants 1:00
New Orleans at San Francisco 4:05
Cleveland at Tennessee 4:15
Denver at Kansas City 4:15
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo 8:20

Monday, September 20
Atlanta at Dallas 9:00

WEEK 3

(Open Dates: Dallas, Miami, New Orleans)

Sunday, September 26
Atlanta at St. Louis 1:00
Washington at N.Y. Jets 1:00
Cincinnati at Carolina 1:00
Cleveland at Baltimore 1:00
Denver at Tampa Bay 1:00
Detroit at Kansas City 1:00
Philadelphia at Buffalo 1:00
Seattle at Pittsburgh 1:00
Tennessee at Jacksonville 4:05
Indianapolis at San Diego 4:05
Chicago at Oakland 4:15
Minnesota at Green Bay 4:15
N.Y. Giants at New England 8:20

Monday, September 27
San Francisco at Arizona 9:00

Monday, September 27
San Francisco at Arizona 8:00

WEEK 4

(Open Dates: Detroit, Green Bay, Indianapolis)

Sunday, October 3
Arizona at Dallas 1:00
Baltimore at Atlanta 1:00
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh 1:00
New England at Cleveland 1:00
New Orleans at Chicago 1:00
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants 1:00
St. Louis at Cincinnati 1:00
Tampa Bay at Minnesota 1:00
Carolina at Washington 4:05
Kansas City at San Diego 4:15
N.Y. Jets at Denver 4:15
Tennessee at San Francisco 4:15
Oakland at Seattle 8:20

Monday, October 4
Buffalo at Miami 9:00

WEEK 5

(Open Dates: Carolina, Seattle, Washington)

Sunday, October 10
Atlanta at New Orleans 1:00
Chicago at Minnesota 1:00
Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00
Dallas at Philadelphia 1:00
New England at Kansas City 1:00
Pittsburgh at Buffalo 1:00
San Diego at Detroit 1:00
San Francisco at St. Louis 1:00
N.Y. Giants at Arizona 4:05
Baltimore at Tennessee 4:15
Denver at Oakland 4:15
Miami at Indianapolis 4:15
Tampa Bay at Green Bay 8:20

Monday, October 11
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets 9:00

WEEK 6

(Open Dates: Baltimore, Kansas City, Tampa Bay)

Sunday, October 17
Cleveland at Jacksonville 1:00
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets 1:00
Miami at New England 1:00
Minnesota at Atlanta 1:00
Oakland at Buffalo 1:00
Philadelphia at Chicago 1:00
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 1:00
St. Louis at Atlanta 1:00
Tennessee at New Orleans 1:00
Seattle at San Diego 4:05
Carolina at San Francisco 4:15
Green Bay at Denver 4:15
Washington at Arizona 8:20

Monday, October 18
Dallas at N.Y. Giants 9:00

WEEK 7

(Open Dates: Arizona, Jacksonville, Tennessee)

Thursday, October 21
Kansas City at Baltimore 8:20

Sunday, October 24
Chicago at Tampa Bay 1:00
Cincinnati at Indianapolis 1:00
Cleveland at St. Louis 1:00
Denver at New England 1:00
Detroit at Carolina 1:00
New Orleans at N.Y. Giants 1:00
Philadelphia at Miami 1:00
San Francisco at Minnesota 1:00
Washington at Dallas 1:00
Green Bay at San Diego 4:05
Buffalo at Seattle 4:15
N.Y. Jets at Oakland 4:15

Monday, October 25
Atlanta at Pittsburgh 9:00

WEEK 8

(Open Dates: N.Y. Jets, Pittsburgh, San Francisco)

Sunday, October 31
Buffalo at Baltimore 1:00
Carolina at Atlanta 1:00
Chicago at Washington 1:00
Cleveland at New Orleans 1:00
Dallas at Indianapolis 1:00
Jacksonville at Cincinnati 1:00
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia 1:00
St. Louis at Tennessee 1:00
San Diego at Kansas City 1:00
Miami at Oakland 4:05
New England at Arizona 4:05
Minnesota at Denver 4:15
Tampa Bay at Detroit 8:20

Monday, November 1
Seattle at Green Bay 9:00

WEEK 9

(Open Dates: New England, N.Y. Giants, Oakland)

Sunday, November 7
Arizona at N.Y. Jets 1:00
Baltimore at Cleveland 1:00
Buffalo at Washington 1:00
Chicago at Green Bay 1:00
Jacksonville at Atlanta 1:00
Kansas City at Indianapolis 1:00
Philadelphia at Carolina 1:00
St. Louis at Detroit 1:00
Tampa Bay at New Orleans 4:05
Pittsburgh at San Francisco 4:15
Cincinnati at Seattle 4:15
Denver at San Diego 4:15
Tennessee at Miami 8:20

Monday, November 8
Dallas at Minnesota 9:00

WEEK 10

(Open Date: Atlanta)

Sunday, November 14
Carolina at St. Louis 1:00
Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00
Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants 1:00
Kansas City at Tampa Bay 1:00
Miami at Buffalo 1:00
Minnesota at Chicago 1:00
San Francisco at New Orleans 1:00
Tennessee at Cincinnati 1:00
Washington at Philadelphia 1:00
Baltimore at Jacksonville 4:05
San Diego at Oakland 4:05
Detroit at Arizona 4:15
Green Bay at Dallas 4:15
Denver at Seattle 8:20

Monday, November 15
N.Y. Jets at New England 9:00

WEEK 11

(Open Date: Minnesota)

Sunday, November 21
Atlanta at Tampa Bay 1:00
Buffalo at New York Jets 1:00
Carolina at Cleveland 1:00
Detroit at Green Bay 1:00
Indianapolis at Philadelphia 1:00
New England at Miami 1:00
Pittsburgh at Tennessee 1:00
Seattle at Kansas City 1:00
Baltimore at Cincinnati 4:05
Chicago at San Diego 4:15
Dallas at Arizona 4:15
New York Giants at Washington 4:15
St. Louis at San Francisco 4:15
New Orleans at Jacksonville 8:20

Monday, November 22
Oakland at Denver 9:00

WEEK 12

(Open Date: Denver)

Thursday, November 25
Chicago at Detroit 12:40
Miami at Dallas 4:15

Sunday, November 28
Arizona at New York Giants 1:00
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 1:00
Jacksonville at Baltimore 1:00
New England at Buffalo 1:00
New Orleans at St. Louis 1:00
Philadelphia at Washington 1:00
San Diego at Minnesota 1:00
Tennessee at Cleveland 1:00
Tampa Bay at Seattle 4:05
Kansas City at Oakland 4:15
New York Jets at Indianapolis 4:15
Atlanta at Carolina 8:20

Monday, November 29
Green Bay at San Francisco 9:00

WEEK 13

(Open Date: Buffalo)

Thursday, December 2
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville 8:20

Sunday, December 5
Green Bay at Chicago 1:00
Indianapolis at Miami 1:00
New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants 1:00
St. Louis at Carolina 1:00
San Francisco at Cincinnati 1:00
Tennessee at Baltimore 1:00
Washington at Detroit 1:00
Philadelphia at Arizona 4:05
Cleveland at San Diego 4:15
Seattle at Oakland 4:15
Kansas City at Denver 4:15
Dallas at New England 8:20

Monday, December 6
Minnesota at Tampa Bay 9:00

WEEK 14

(Open Date: Chicago)

Thursday, December 9
Oakland at Tennessee 7:20

Sunday, December 12
Arizona at Washington 1:00
Baltimore at Pittsburgh 1:00
Carolina at Green Bay 1:00
Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00
Detroit at Tampa Bay 1:00
New England at Indianapolis 1:00
New York Giants at Buffalo 1:00
Philadelphia at Dallas 1:00
St. Louis at New Orleans 1:00
San Diego at Seattle 4:05
Miami at New York Jets 4:05
Atlanta at San Francisco 4:15
Minnesota at Kansas City 8:20

Monday, December 13
Denver at Jacksonville 9:00

WEEK 15

(Open Date: Cincinnati)

Saturday, December 18
Pittsburgh at Kansas City 12:40
San Francisco at Carolina 4:15

Sunday, December 19
Atlanta at Tennessee 1:00
Detroit at Chicago 1:00
Jacksonville at Cleveland 1:00
New England at Philadelphia 1:00
New Orleans at Baltimore 1:00
New York Giants at St. Louis 1:00
San Diego at Miami 1:00
Washington at Indianapolis 1:00
Tampa Bay at Oakland 4:05
New York Jets at Dallas 4:15
Seattle at Denver 4:15
Buffalo at Arizona 8:20

Monday, December 20
Green Bay at Minnesota 9:00

WEEK 16

(Open Date: Philadelphia)

Friday, December 24
Dallas at New Orleans 3:05

Saturday, December 25
Denver at Detroit 4:15

Sunday, December 26
Arizona at Atlanta 1:00
Buffalo at New England 1:00
Carolina at Pittsburgh 1:00
Chicago at St. Louis 1:00
Cincinnati at Baltimore 1:00
Indianapolis at Cleveland 1:00
Jacksonville at Tennessee 1:00
Minnesota at New York Giants 1:00
Oakland at San Diego 4:05
Kansas City at Seattle 4:05
Green Bay at Tampa Bay 4:15
Washington at San Francisco 8:20

Monday, December 27
New York Jets at Miami 9:00

WEEK 17

(Open Date: Cleveland)

Sunday, January 2
Arizona at Green Bay 1:00
Baltimore at New England 1:00
Cincinnati at Jacksonville 1:00
Detroit at Minnesota 1:00
Indianapolis at Buffalo 1:00
New Orleans at Carolina 1:00
Oakland at Kansas City 1:00
St. Louis at Philadelphia 1:00
Seattle at New York Jets 1:00
Tampa Bay at Chicago 1:00
New York Giants at Dallas 4:05
Tennessee at Pittsburgh 4:15
Miami at Washington 4:15
San Diego at Denver 4:15

Monday, January 3
San Francisco at Atlanta 9:00

P O S T S E A S O N G A M E S

WILD CARD GAMES

Saturday-Sunday, January 8-9, 2000

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday-Sunday, January 15-16, 2000

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, January 23, 2000

SUPER BOWL XXXIV

(Georgia Dome, Atlanta)

Sunday, January 30, 2000

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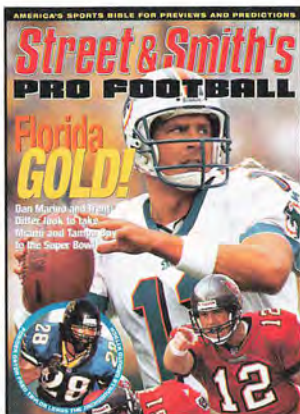
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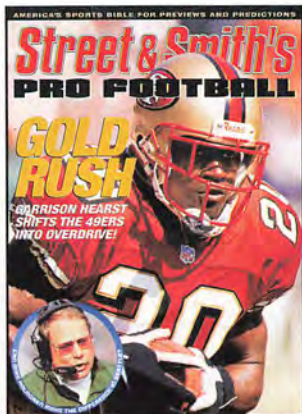


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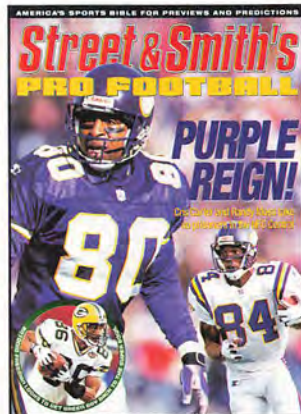
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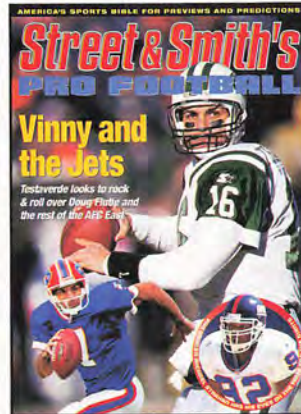
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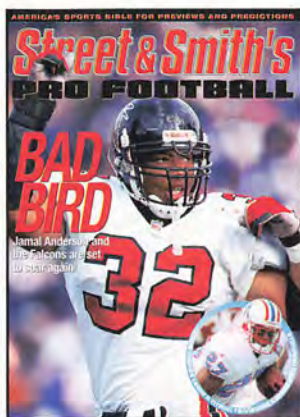
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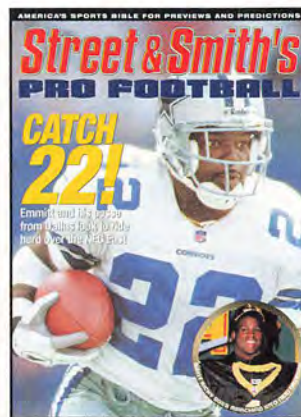
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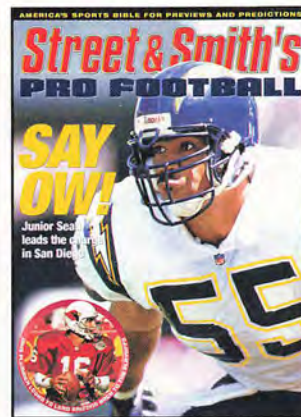
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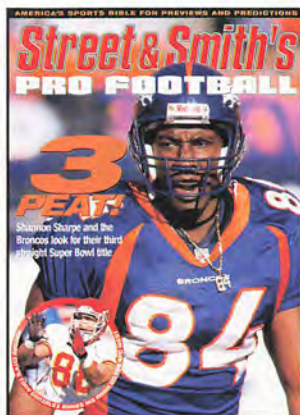
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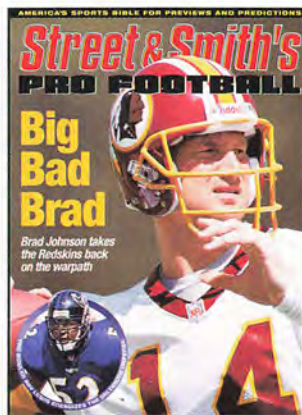
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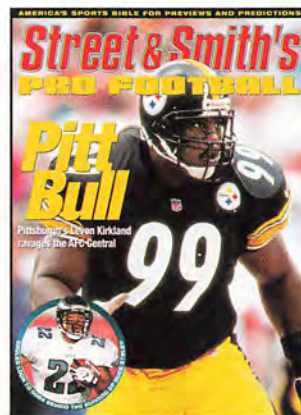
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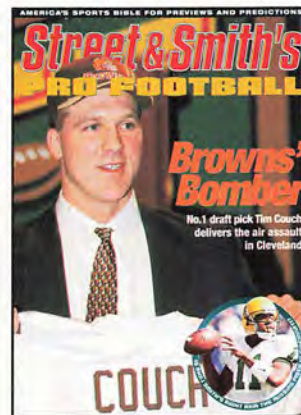
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